



CHAPTER 90

An Act to amend the charter of the city of Verdun

[Assented to, the 20th of April, 1934]

WHEREAS the corporation of the city of Verdun has, Preamble.
by its petition, represented that it is in the interest of the proper administration of its affairs that its charter, the act 7 Edward VII, chapter 73, as amended by the acts 3 George V, chapter 61; 4 George V, chapter 80; 6 George V, chapter 48; 7 George V, chapter 72; 8 George V, chapter 88; 9 George V, chapter 95; 11 George V, chapter 115; 12 George V, chapter 108; 13 George V, chapter 95; 14 George V, chapter 91; 15 George V, chapter 97; 16 George V, chapter 73; 18 George V, chapter 98; 19 George V, chapter 100; 21 George V, chapter 127, and 23 George V, chapter 124, be further amended in order to give it certain powers which it does not possess; and

Whereas it is expedient to grant its prayer;

Therefore, His Majesty, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of Quebec, enacts as follows:

1. Section 124 of the Cities and Towns' Act (Revised R. S., c. 102, Statutes, 1925, chapter 102) is replaced, for the city of Verdun, by the following: s. 124, replaced for city.

"124. No person may be either nominated or elected mayor or alderman nor hold such office unless he, during the twelve months immediately preceding the day of his nomination, has been seized of and has possessed as proprietor in his own name or in that of his wife, immoveable property in the municipality of the value of two thousand dollars, after payment or deduction of every hypothec and privilege registered thereon; such qualification to be established by the valuation roll in force at the date of the nomination."

R. S., c. 102,
s. 185, re-
placed for
city.

Deposit to
accompany
nomination-
paper.

Evidence
thereof.

How deposit
to be dealt
with.

2. Section 185 of the said Cities and Towns' Act is replaced, for the city, by the following:

"185. 1. The sum of two hundred dollars, in legal tender or in the bills of any chartered bank doing business in Canada, or a cheque for such sum drawn upon and accepted by any such bank, shall be deposited in the hands of the returning-officer at the time the nomination-paper is filed with him.

2. The receipt of the returning-officer shall, in every case, be sufficient evidence of the production of the nomination-paper, of the consent of the candidate, and of the deposit hereinabove mentioned.

3. The sum so deposited by any candidate shall not be liable to seizure, and shall be returned to him in the event of his being elected or of his obtaining a number of votes at least equal to one-third the number of votes polled in favour of the candidate elected; otherwise, except in the case provided for by section 193, it shall belong to the municipality; and the sums so paid and not returned, as hereinabove provided, shall be applied by the returning-officer towards the payment of the election expenses."

8 Geo. V, c.
88, s. 3,
replaced.

3. Section 3 of the act 8 George V, chapter 88, is replaced by the following:

R. S., c. 102,
s. 526, re-
placed for
city.

"3. Section 526 of the Cities and Towns' Act (Revised Statutes, 1925, chapter 102) is replaced, for the city, by the following:

Tax on
trades, etc.

"526. In addition to the taxes provided for in section 523, the council may establish, impose and levy certain annual dues or taxes on all trades, manufactures, financial or commercial establishments, occupations, arts, professions, callings or means of earning a profit or a livelihood, carried on or followed by one or more persons, firms or corporations in the municipality, provided that such dues or taxes do not exceed in any case the sum of four hundred dollars per annum. Such dues or taxes may be different for persons who have not had their corporate seat or principal establishment in the municipality for twelve months from those for persons who reside therein, provided that such dues and taxes imposed on persons who have had their corporate seat or principal establishment in the municipality for less than twelve months shall not exceed the others by more than fifty per cent. Mutual benefit associations and charitable institutions shall not be subject to such tax.

Exemption.

Instead of imposing and levying the annual dues or taxes authorized by the first paragraph of this section, the city of Verdun is authorized to levy and impose on all the categories or classes of trade, industry, manufacture, financial establishments, occupations, arts, professions, callings or means of earning a profit or a livelihood, carried on or followed by one or more persons, firms, companies or corporations within the limits of the municipality, or, at the council's discretion, on any one or more of such categories or classes, a tax called "business tax" not exceeding eight and one-half per cent of the annual value, as entered upon the valuation roll, of the premises in which such trade, industry, occupation, art, profession, calling or means of earning a profit or a livelihood, mentioned above, is carried on.

The business tax so imposed shall, for the categories or classes called upon to pay it, take the place of the annual dues or taxes authorized by the first paragraph of this section. The other classes or categories which are not called upon to pay such business tax shall remain subject to the taxes authorized by the said first paragraph of this section."

4. From and after the first of January, 1934, the total valuation of the immoveables comprising electric installation, the poles, wires, gas mains, buildings and, generally, all the property belonging to the Montreal Light, Heat and Power Consolidated and its subsidiaries, existing on the first of January, 1934, shall be fixed at one million dollars to determine the amount of municipal taxes which the said company and its subsidiaries must pay to the city of Verdun.

The payment of the annual tax on the immoveables shall take the place of every tax and assessment, real or personal, general or special, of every license or permit, of the water tax, of the tax on gasometers and of all other taxes imposable by the city of Verdun on the said company and its subsidiaries and on the property of the said company and of its subsidiaries, both moveables and immoveables, belonging to the said company or to its subsidiaries within the limits of the city of Verdun.

This provision shall remain in force during ten years and shall apply to the taxes now imposable as well as to those which will so become in the future.

5. From and after the first of January, 1934, the total valuation of the immoveables comprising the telephone system, including the poles, wires, underground mains,

buildings, and, generally, all the property belonging to The Bell Telephone Company of Canada, shall be fixed at two hundred thousand dollars to determine the amount of municipal taxes which the said company must pay to the city of Verdun.

Annual tax. The payment of the annual tax on the immoveables shall take the place of every tax and assessment, real or personal, general or special, of every license or permit, of the water tax, and of all other taxes imposable by the city of Verdun on the said company and on the property of the said company, both moveables and immoveables, within the limits of the city of Verdun.

Duration, etc. This provision shall remain in force during ten years and shall apply to the taxes now imposable as well as to those which will so become in the future.

Loan authorized. **6.** The city of Verdun is authorized to pass a by-law to borrow a sum of three hundred thousand dollars to cover the amounts paid up to the 31st of December, 1933, for the administration and distribution of aid to the unemployed, hospitalization of the unemployed, interest to banks, water supplied to the unemployed, additional police protection and all other expenses incurred on account of unemployment.

Provisions applicable. The laws of this Province respecting aid to the unemployed shall apply to this by-law and to this loan.

Yearly loan authorized. **7.** The city of Verdun is authorized to contract, each year, by by-law, a loan to meet the sums paid for the administration and distribution of aid to the unemployed, hospitalization of the unemployed, interest to banks, and all other expenses incurred on account of unemployment.

Provisions applicable. The laws of this Province respecting aid to the unemployed shall apply to this by-law and to this loan.

Ownership, etc., of certain land. **8.** Madam Felicie de Kalisz, widow of S. S. Stephens, is declared owner, free of any charge and hypothec since the 24th of April, 1924, of the following land, namely: subdivision three hundred and fifty-six (356) of the original lot number four thousand six hundred and seventy-one (4671) of the parish of Montreal, situate in the city of Verdun; the assessment and collection rolls on such lot, since 1923, are declared valid for all legal purposes and the taxes have been lawfully received by the city of Verdun.

Additional special tax. **9.** If, during the course of a financial year, it is ascertained by the council that the revenues arising out of the taxes imposed for the said financial year are insufficient to meet

the expenditures for this same year, the council may, by by-law, impose an additional special tax which must not exceed five per cent (5%) of the taxes already imposed.

This additional tax may be added to any real estate tax ^{Tax added.} and personal tax, of whatever nature, including the water tax, licenses, permits, but not including the school taxes, the special taxes imposed for paving, drainage, sidewalks, or for expropriations, and the special real estate taxes imposed to pay the interest and the sinking-fund of special loans.

Every additional tax thus imposed shall be added to the ^{Collection} collection rolls by the officer entrusted with the preparation of the said rolls and it shall be exigible after the notices and delays fixed by sections 540 and 541 of the Cities and Towns' Act (Revised Statutes, 1925, chapter 102). For such of the said taxes as must not be carried on the collection rolls, they shall become exigible upon demand for payment made in accordance with the provisions of the said section 541.

10. This act shall come into force on the day of its ^{Coming into} sanction. ^{force.}

