



CHAPTER 135

An Act to ratify By-law No. 50 of the Municipality of the Parish of St. Joseph de Soulanges, and a resolution of the School Commissioners of St. Laurent des Cèdres passed on the 28th day of June, 1928, and to authorize the execution of contracts giving effect thereto

[Assented to, the 4th of April, 1929]

WHEREAS the council of the municipality of the parish Preamble.
of St. Joseph de Soulanges, on the 2nd of June, 1928, passed by-law No. 50 to fix, for a period of ten years, for the purposes of municipal taxation, the valuation of the taxable property of the Cedars Rapids Manufacturing & Power Company then situated within the limits of the said municipality at the sum of two million dollars and providing that the said company shall pay during the said period of ten years an amount equivalent to the double of that payable by all non-industrial taxpayers of the said municipality, irrespective of changes in the valuation of the property of such non-industrial taxpayers, during the said period, on condition that the amount payable by the said company each year during the said period shall not exceed ten thousand dollars;

Whereas the said by-law provides that for the purposes thereof the railway companies, the Provincial Light, Heat & Power Company and the Cedars Rapids Transmission Company shall be considered as non-industrial taxpayers;

Whereas the said by-law further provides that the company shall be bound to accept the arrangement thereby provided when a similar arrangement between it and the school municipality of St. Laurent des Cèdres, save for the maximum amount payable annually by the company, which, in the case of the said school municipality, shall be eight thousand dollars instead of ten thousand dollars, shall have been adopted and confirmed as required by law, and that the said by-law shall not be put into effect

until it has been approved by a vote of the taxpayers of the said municipality and by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council, or an act of the Legislature; and that a notarial contract shall be signed by the parties as soon as the said by-law and the resolution of the school commissioners hereinabove referred to shall have been confirmed according to law;

Whereas the said by-law has been duly approved by a vote of the taxpayers of the said municipality;

Whereas the works of the said Cedars Rapids Manufacturing & Power Company are located in the bed of the River St. Lawrence and differences have arisen between said Cedars Rapids Manufacturing and Power Company and the School Commission of St. Laurent des Cèdres as to whether said works are taxable by the said School Commission;

Whereas, for the purpose of avoiding litigation and to assure to the said School Commission a reasonable revenue, an agreement of settlement in the terms of the resolution hereinafter mentioned has been reached;

Whereas at a meeting of the school commissioners of the municipality of St. Laurent des Cèdres, held on the 28th of June, 1928, a resolution was passed to fix, for a period of ten years for the purposes of school taxes, the valuation of the taxable property of the said Cedars Rapids Manufacturing & Power Company then situated within the limits of the said municipality at the sum of two million dollars;

Whereas the said resolution further provides that the annual amount payable by the said company for school taxes during the said period shall not exceed eight thousand dollars, but that, subject to the said limit, if the valuation of all other non-industrial taxable properties, comprised within the present or future limits of the said school municipality, exceeds one million dollars, then the said company shall be bound, in such case, to pay each year, for the rest of the said period, two-thirds of the total of the school taxes;

Whereas the said resolution further provides that, for the purposes thereof, the railway companies, the Provincial Light, Heat & Power Company and Cedars Rapids Transmission Company shall be considered as non-industrial proprietors, and that, if the said school municipality should annex or become joined to any other school municipalities, the valuation of the said Cedars Rapids Manufacturing & Power Company's property, the proportion of taxes and the maximum amount payable by the said company, as fixed by the said resolution, shall remain the same and

be binding upon the new school municipality thus formed;

Whereas the said resolution further provides that the said company shall be bound to accept the arrangement thereby provided when a similar arrangement with the municipality of the parish of St. Joseph de Soulanges, save for the maximum amount payable annually by the company, which shall be ten thousand dollars instead of eight thousand dollars, shall have been adopted and confirmed as required by law; that the said resolution shall not take effect until after it has been approved and confirmed according to law; that a notarial contract to give effect to the said resolution shall be signed by the parties as soon as the said resolution has been confirmed according to law;

Whereas the said resolution further provides that the said school municipality shall accept in final settlement of the school taxes due by the said company for the years 1926-27 and 1927-28 the sum of five thousand dollars payable at the signature of the said contract;

Whereas the said Cedars Rapids Manufacturing & Power Company, desiring to enjoy the advantages and assume the obligations resulting from the said by-law and the said resolution, and to execute the contracts above mentioned, now desires to secure ratification thereof and authorization for the execution of the said contracts by the said municipality and the said school commissioners respectively to give effect thereto, and has, by its petition, prayed for such ratification and authorization;

Whereas it is expedient to grant such prayer.

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

- 1.** The by-law and the resolution described as follows: By-law and resolution ratified.
- a.* By-law No. 50, passed by the council of the municipality of the parish of St. Joseph de Soulanges at its meeting of the 2nd of June, 1928, whereby the valuation of the taxable property of the Cedars Rapids Manufacturing & Power Company was fixed for the purpose of municipal taxation, for a period of ten years, at two million dollars, and other relevant provisions were made; and
- b.* The resolution passed by the school commissioners of the school municipality of St. Laurent des Cèdres on the 28th day of June, 1928, whereby the valuation of the taxable property of the Cedars Rapids Manufacturing & Power Company was fixed for the purpose of school taxation, for a period of ten years, at two million dollars, and other relevant provisions were made;

Are hereby confirmed and ratified for all legal purposes.

Contracts
authorized.

2. The mayor and the secretary-treasurer of the municipality of the parish of St. Joseph de Soulanges are authorized to execute a notarial contract with the Cedars Rapids Manufacturing & Power Company to give effect to the said by-law No. 50; and the president and the secretary-treasurer of the school municipality of St. Laurent des Cèdres are authorized to execute a notarial contract with the Cedars Rapids Manufacturing & Power Company to give effect to the said resolution of the 28th of June, 1928.

Real value
to be enter-
ed on valua-
tion roll.

3. Notwithstanding the provisions of this act, the real value of the immoveables affected shall be entered on the valuation roll of the said municipality according to law.

Coming into
force.

4. This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction.