

## C H A P. 105

## An Act to incorporate the town of Riverbend

[Assented to, the 4th of March, 1925]

**W**HEREAS Price Brothers & Company, Limited; Major Preamble.  
John H. Price, merchant; J. Leonard Apedaile, manager; Henry Edward Price, merchant; Arthur John Price, merchant, and George H. Thomson, merchant, all of the city of Quebec, have, by their petition, represented:

That the works in course of execution at the Grand Discharge, in the electoral district of Lake St. John, the utilization of the water-powers connected therewith and the working of the plants and factories to be erected there, will create a considerable influx of people to the territory described in section 2 of this act, which now forms part of Delisle township and of the parish of St. Joseph d'Alma;

That a large portion of such territory will be subdivided into building lots, that dwellings, churches, schools and other buildings will be erected there; that waterworks, lighting and drainage systems will be installed and that all other public services required to make of the proposed municipality a modern town and to assure the welfare of its inhabitants, will be established there;

That these improvements are to be begun without delay and that it is necessary to erect the territory in question into a town municipality;

Whereas a prayer to that effect is contained in the said petition;

Whereas the municipal council of the parish of St. Joseph d'Alma, which is the sole municipality affected by the proposed incorporation of the town, has approved of the prayer of the petitioners and expressed the wish that the said territory be incorporated as a separate town without delay; and

Whereas it is expedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners;

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

**1.** This act may be cited as "Charter of the Town of Title. Riverbend".

**2.** The town of Riverbend shall comprise the following Territory territory, situated in the parish of St. Joseph d'Alma, town-<sup>comprised.</sup>ship of Delisle and electoral district of Lake St. John:

Lots numbers 6, 7, 8, 9a, 9b, 9c, first range (Isle d'Alma)

of the township of Delisle and those portions of lots 3*b*, 4 and 5 of this same range lying northwest of the Alma & Jonquières Railway, and that portion of the bed of the Little Discharge lying opposite to the lots and portions of lots above mentioned, less however that portion of lot 4 in said range which lies within the boundaries of the village of St. Joseph d'Alma; and also those portions of lots numbers 3*b*, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9*a*, and 9*b*, of the second range (Isle d'Alma) of the said township of Delisle lying northwest of the Alma & Jonquières Railway and to the southwest of the municipality of the town of Isle Maligne, which territory is contained within a polygon whose boundaries are as follows:

Beginning at a point on the left of the Little Discharge from Lake St. John, at the intersection of this said left bank with the dividing line between lots 9*b* and 10*a* of the first range (Isle d'Alma) township of Delisle; thence in a straight line across the said Little Discharge to the intersection of its right bank with the dividing line between lots 20 and 21, ninth range, township of Signai; thence following the right bank of the said Little Discharge to its intersection with the dividing line between lots 17*a* and 18*a* of the ninth range of the said township of Signai; thence in a straight line across the right or usual channel of the said Little Discharge on a bearing north 60° 30' east astronomically to the intersection of this said straight line with the upper end of Isle Ste. Anne, shown as Island "G" on the official cadastral plan of the township of Delisle aforesaid; thence following the shore-line of the said Island around its upper end and down the right bank of the left or flood-water channel of the said Little Discharge to its intersection with the northwest boundary of the right-of-way of the Alma & Jonquières Railway; thence in a northeasterly direction following along this northwest boundary of this said right-of-way across the said left or flood-water channel of the said Little Discharge and following the curves of the northwest boundary of this said right-of-way to its intersection with the dividing line between lots 4 and 5, range one (Isle d'Alma) of the said township of Delisle; thence along this said dividing line in a northeasterly direction to its intersection with the southwest side of the existing highway between St. Joseph d'Alma and the upper end of Isle d'Alma; thence along this said highway on its southwest side to its intersection with the northwest boundary of the said right-of-way of the said Alma & Jonquières Railway; thence following along this said northwest boundary of this railway in a northeasterly direction to the limits of the town of Isle Maligne; thence following along the dividing line between the town of Isle Maligne

and the parish of St. Joseph d'Alma in a northwesterly direction to its intersection with the dividing line between lots 9b and 10a of the second range (Isle d'Alma) township of Delisle aforesaid; thence towards the southwest along this said dividing line and along the dividing line between lots 9b and 10a, first range (Isle d'Alma) township of Delisle, to the point of beginning.

**3.** The inhabitants and ratepayers of the territory mentioned in section 2, as well as all those who may join or succeed to them, are incorporated as a town under the name of "Town of Riverbend".

Incorporation.  
Name.

**4.** The corporation shall be governed by the provisions of the Cities and Towns' Act, 1922.

Provisions applicable.

**5.** The town shall comprise but one ward until the first general election; it may afterwards be divided into several wards according to law.

Wards.

**6.** Section 47 of the Cities and Towns' Act, 1922, is replaced, for the town, by the following:

13 Geo. V, c. 65, s. 47, replaced for the town.

"**47.** The municipal council shall be composed of a mayor and six aldermen elected for the period and in the manner hereinafter prescribed"

Composition of council.

**7.** The first paragraph of section 48 of the Cities and Towns' Act, 1922, is replaced, for the town, by the following:

13 Geo. V, c. 65, s. 48, am., for the town.

"**48.** The mayor, who, for five years from the fourth day of March, 1925, shall not be obliged to reside within the limits of the municipality, shall be elected for two years by the majority of the municipal electors who have voted."

Term of office of mayor.

**8.** Section 49 of the said act is replaced, for the town, by the following:

13 Geo. V, c. 65, s. 49, replaced for the town.

"**49.** The aldermen, who, for five years from the fourth day of March, 1925, shall not be obliged to reside within the limits of the municipality, shall be elected, for the same period, by the majority of the municipal electors who have voted."

Term of office of alderman.

**9.** For the purposes of the first election, every proprietor of an immoveable in the town, whose titles have been registered on or before the twentieth day preceding that fixed for the nomination of candidates for the offices of

Municipal electors.

mayor or aldermen, shall be a municipal elector and possess the necessary property qualification to hold municipal office.

Nomination  
of can-  
didates.

**10.** Six electors entitled to vote at the first general election may nominate a candidate for the office of mayor and candidates for the office of alderman, by signing a nomination paper in accordance with sections 182 and following of the Cities and Towns' Act, 1922.

Polling at  
first elec-  
tion.

**11.** The polling at the first election shall be held at a single place to be designated by the Minister of Municipal Affairs, according to law.

13 Geo. V,  
c. 65, s. 128,  
amended  
for the  
town.

Proprietors  
or occupants  
as electors.

**12.** Sub-paragraph *a* of paragraph 1 of section 128 of the Cities and Towns' Act, 1922, is replaced, for the town, by the following:

"*a.* Male persons and widows or spinsters whose names are entered on the valuation roll in force as *bonâ fide* owners or occupants of immoveable property in the municipality, of the assessed value of two hundred dollars or upwards, or of the annual value of twenty dollars or upwards, according to said roll. In cases where such property is held in usufruct, the name of the usufructuary shall alone be entered on the electors' list;

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Companies or corporations may be entered on the electoral lists, by reason of the immoveables, held by each of them respectively and subject to general or special assessment, of a sufficient valuation to confer the right to vote upon a municipal elector and shall be entitled to vote in their names through a representative of the company, authorized to that effect by resolution, a copy whereof shall be fyled with the clerk of the town on or before the day for the nomination of candidates, in the case of the election of mayor or aldermen. They may exact the right to vote at the election of aldermen in every ward in which they pay taxes, provided their representative is a director or employee of the company."

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**13.** When a by-law has to be submitted to the electors who are proprietors, companies or corporations shall also be entitled to vote once on such by-law through their representative, being a director or employee of the company, authorized as aforesaid, and, in such case, a copy of the resolution appointing such representative shall be fyled with the clerk at least five days before the date fixed for the approval of the by-law. The right of voting shall be exercised only up to the amount of the valuation upon which the company pays taxes.

**14.** The town shall be bound to pay its share of the present indebtedness of the corporation of the parish of St. Joseph d'Alma, in proportion to the present valuation of the lands detached from the said parish, according to their present value as shown on the valuation roll in force in the municipality at the time of the coming into force of this act, and the settlement of such debt between the parties shall be made in accordance with the provisions of articles 50 and following of the Municipal Code of Quebec.

The said town shall, nevertheless, be entitled at any time to free itself forever from the said debt by paying to the corporation of the parish of St. Joseph d'Alma the principal of its portion and all arrears of interest then due.

The share of the capital thus paid by the town shall be deposited to the credit of the sinking-fund established for the redemption of the said debts.

Any such settlement of debt must be approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

**15.** The council shall hold its first sitting at the place appointed by the Minister of Municipal Affairs, in accordance with section 22 of the Cities and Towns' Act, 1922.

**16.** This act shall come into force on the day of its section.

## C H A P. 106

An Act to incorporate the Abitibi Southern Railway Company

[Assented to, the 3rd of April, 1925]

**W**HEREAS T. A. Lalonde, merchant, of the town of Amos, Allan Case, manufacturer, of the city of Toronto, Harry B. Johnson, manufacturer, of the city of Toronto, Herbert J. Lyons, railway constructor, of the city of Montreal, A. A. Legault, advocate and King's Counsel, of Maniwaki, Samuel McDougall, lumberman, of the city of Ottawa, Doctor J. A. Matte, of the town of Mont-Laurier, R. W. Norrington, mining operator, of the city of New York, Solime Alix, gentleman, of the town of Mont-Laurier, and others, have, by their petition, represented that it is expedient that a company should be incorporated to construct, equip, maintain and operate a railway from a point at or near Amos, in the electoral district of Abitibi, in the Province of Quebec, and extending by the most direct and feasible route to points of