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An Act to amend the charter of the Montreal Firemen's
Benefit Association

[Assented to, the 15th of March, 1924]

WHEREAS the Montreal Firemen's Benefit Association Preamble.
has, by its petition, prayed that its charter, the act
5 George V, chapter 142, be amended;

Whereas to promote the interests of the association and
to secure its better administration, it is expedient to grant
the prayer contained in the said petition; and

Whereas the said association has, by a resolution of date
the 13th of November, 1923, approved of the presentation
of this act;

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

1. Section 6 of the act 5 George V, chapter 142, is re- 5 Geo. V, c.
142, s. 6,
replaced.
placed by the following:

"6. The by-laws shall be those which will be passed By-laws.
under the powers granted by this act."

2. Section 9 of the said act is replaced by the following: 5 Geo. V, c.
142, s. 9, re-
placed.

"9. All property, moveable or immovable, belonging to Employ-
ment of
property.
the corporation, or which may be acquired in the manner
mentioned in section 8, shall be exclusively affected to and
expended for the purposes mentioned in section 5, and, in
addition, to pay the administrative expenses, to construct
or repair the buildings and immoveables belonging or that
will belong to the corporation, and for all other purposes
not inconsistent with the object of the association.

The surplus shall be invested in bonds or debentures Id., of
surplus.
issued or guaranteed by the federal or provincial govern-
ments or by municipal corporations, or in school or *fabrique*
debentures, or employed in the purchase of new immove-
able property, or deposited in Canadian chartered savings
banks, the whole in the manner decided by the board of
directors."

3. Section 13 of the said act is replaced by the following: 5 Geo. V, c.
142, s. 13,
replaced.

"13. 1. A two-thirds majority of the members of the Power to
make, etc.,
by-laws.
corporation present at a general meeting, alone has the
power to make, amend or repeal by-laws:

a. To administer its affairs and internal economy;

b. To admit, regulate, suspend, expel or reinstate any member of the association;

c. To determine, increase or reduce any ordinary or extraordinary contributions to be paid by its members drawing pensions and by other beneficiaries;

d. To establish separate funds to provide for the benefits mentioned in section 5;

e. To determine and change the benefits to be paid out of the said funds;

f. To retain, from the benefits or pensions the association may have to pay to its members or other interested parties, any sums due to it by these persons in virtue of paragraph c of this section;

g. To authorize the city of Montreal to retain from the salary of any member of the Montreal Fire Brigade all sums, of any nature whatsoever, for which he may be indebted to the association, and to remit it to the latter;

h. To impose any fines for infraction of the by-laws;

i. To fix the date and mode of appointment of the board of directors;

j. To fix the manner of calling meetings, and the details of the voting at any meeting or election;

k. To determine the terms and conditions on which the board of directors may transact or make any compromise or arrangement whatsoever with any person or the legal representatives of any person entitled to participate in the benefits of the corporation, to change the manner in which the benefits shall be paid, for the redemption of their rights, and the discharge of the corporation.

Nevertheless, no member or beneficiary can make transactions or compromises with regard to the rights which his widow or family may have after his death;

l. To make any such other by-laws as it may deem advisable for the proper working of the association, provided they are not inconsistent with this act or any other act of the Province of Quebec, and specially to delegate to its board of directors all or part of its powers enumerated in this section.

Amend-
ment or
repeal of by-
laws.

2. Twenty members in good standing shall have the right to move for the amendment or repeal of any by-law at the annual general meeting, upon notice in writing to the president, given at least one month previous to the date of the said meeting, a copy of which notice must be posted up in every fire-station for the eight days prior to the said meeting."

5 Geo. V, c.
142, s. 14,
replaced.
By-laws
posted.

4. Section 14 of the said act is replaced by the following:

"14. The board of directors shall have the right to draw up the by-laws, which shall come into force after

having been posted up in every fire-station in Montreal for eight days, unless, before the expiration of such eight days, an application signed by twenty members be sent to the president calling upon him to convene a special general meeting, for the rejection or adoption of the said by-law."

5. Section 17 of the said act is replaced by the following: 5 Geo. V, c.

"**17.** In case of absence of the president and of the vice-presidents, the other directors shall choose a chairman among the directors present at the meeting." 142, s. 17, replaced. Choice of chairman.

In the event of a vacancy in the board of directors, it shall be filled by a substitute chosen by the members of the said board." Vacancy in the board.

6. Section 21 of the said act is replaced by the following: 5 Geo. V, c.

"**21.** The board of directors may choose, from among the members of the association, a secretary and a treasurer, and any other competent officers." 142, s. 21, replaced. Secretary, etc.

The secretary and the treasurer shall have, on the said board, only a right of discussion." Right of discussion.

7. Section 23 of the said act is replaced by the following: 5 Geo. V, c.

"**23.** Special general meetings may be called in accordance with the general provisions of the by-laws." 142, s. 23, replaced. Calling of meetings.

8. Section 25 of the said act is replaced by the following: 5 Geo. V, c.

"**25.** The pension of any member of the Montreal Firemen's Benefit Association, who has been a member for twenty years or more or who has sustained permanent injuries, shall be fifty per cent of the annual salary earned by the member at the time he is put on his pension; but the member who is earning, at the time he is put on his pension, an annual salary of less than one thousand dollars, shall receive a pension of not less than four hundred and fifty dollars annually." 142, s. 25, replaced. Pension of members.

The twenty years' service mentioned in this section shall be of twenty consecutive years, as fixed by by-law. Number of years service.

The pension granted under this section may not be diminished or suspended unless the member be guilty of an indictable criminal offence, or of bad or unworthy conduct as defined by the by-laws." Suspension, etc., of pension.

9. Section 26 of the said act is replaced by the following: 5 Geo. V, c.

"**26.** A member who is put on the list of pensioners after a service of twenty years shall have a pension based on the salary that his rank gave him, provided he has had such rank for three consecutive years; otherwise he shall have" 142, s. 26, replaced. Basis of the amount of pension.

a pension based on the salary that his previous rank gave him.

Right to
withdraw
sums paid.

Every member of the association, after a service of at least ten years but less than twenty consecutive years, shall be entitled, on his retirement, to withdraw without interest all sums hitherto paid in by him as a contribution to the association during said years."

5 Geo. V, c.
142, s. 29,
replaced.

10. Section 29 of the said act is replaced by the following:

Quorum of
meetings.

"**29.** The quorum of the annual general or special general meetings of the association shall be twenty-five."

Coming into
force.

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

CHAP. 114

An Act respecting the St. Denis Club

[Assented to, the 15th of March, 1924]

Preamble.

WHEREAS the St. Denis Club has, by its petition, represented that the powers vested in the said club by its charter, the act 44-45 Victoria, chapter 57, no longer suffice to allow it to attain the object for which it was established, and that therefore it is necessary that its charter be amended so as to better define its powers, and to vest in it certain additional powers; and

Whereas it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition;

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

44-45 Vict.,
c. 57, s. 2,
replaced.

1. Section 2 of the act 44-45 Victoria, chapter 57, is replaced by the following:

Right to
acquire im-
moveables.

"**2.** The corporation may acquire, either by gift, purchase or lease, and possess immoveable property situate within or near the limits of the city of Montreal; and the same may sell, exchange, lease, transfer or hypothecate, and, with respect to such immoveable property, perform all acts of ownership; provided, however, that the total value of the said immoveable property at the time of the acquisition thereof, shall not be more than five hundred thousand dollars."

Proviso.