

day of September of the same year, is confirmed, and the Rivers
 guarantee and endorsation, given by the corporation of the confirmed.
 said city, of the bonds issued by the said company, are Guarantee.
 ratified, for all legal purposes. etc., ratified.

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

CHAP. 94

An Act to amend the charter of the city of Hull.

[Assented to, the 29th of December, 1922]

WHEREAS the city of Hull has, by its petition, prayed Preamble
 that an act be passed to amend its charter and that
 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 7a of the act 56 Victoria, chapter 52, as 56 Viet., c.
 enacted by the act 7 George V, chapter 68, section 3, is 52, s. 7a,
 replaced by the following: replaced.

"**7a.** The mayor and the six aldermen, elected at the Mayor and
 election in the month of January, 1922, or those who re-aldermen
 place them, shall remain in office and represent the city continued
 until the next general elections to be held on the second in office.
 Monday of January, 1924, and, from that date, the city Date of
 council shall consist of the mayor and twelve aldermen." general
 election.

2. Section 10 of the act 56 Victoria, chapter 52, as 56 Viet., c.
 replaced by the acts 4 Edward VII, chapter 56, section 1; 52, s. 10,
 3 George V, chapter 56, section 2; 5 George V, chapter 92, replaced.
 section 3, and 7 George V, chapter 68, section 4, is again
 replaced by the following:

"**10.** The six wards of the city shall each be represented Aldermen.
 in the council by two aldermen, and the seats shall be
 numbered from one to twelve. They shall not continue
 in office, without being re-elected, for a period longer than
 two consecutive years. They shall remain in office and
 hold their seats until their successors are elected and sworn
 in to replace them."

3. Section 63 of the act 56 Victoria, chapter 52, as re- 56 Viet., c.
 placed by the acts 61 Victoria, chapter 56, section 7, and 52, s. 63,
 replaced.

5 George V, chapter 92, section 7, and amended by the act 7 George V, chapter 68, section 6, is again replaced by the following:

Jurisdiction of council. "63. The council exercises its jurisdiction throughout the whole of the city.

Public meetings. The meetings of the council are public.

Quorum. The quorum shall be seven members and to form such quorum the mayor shall be considered as a member.

When the council is to meet. The council shall meet at least once a month, to wit: on the first Monday of each month, should it be a juridical day, otherwise, on the next following juridical day, and it may adjourn its meetings to a subsequent day.

Meeting place. The council shall meet in the city hall."

56 Viet., c. 52, s. 147, amended. 4. Section 147 of the act 56 Victoria, chapter 52, as replaced by the act 8 Edward VII, chapter 88, section 12, and amended by the acts 3 George V, chapter 56, section 7; 5 George V, chapter 92, sections 8 and 9; 7 George V, chapter 68, sections 9 and 10, and 9 George V, chapter 96, section 1, is again amended by replacing paragraphs *a*, *b* and *c* thereof by the following:

Improvement and assessment therefor. "147. *a*. In all cases where the proprietors or occupants of immoveables on a street, or part of a street, shall have voted in majority of number and value upon a by-law submitted for any improvement whatsoever in or on the said street, the council may order any such improvement and regulate the mode of raising an assessment to cover the payment of the cost, interest and sinking-fund, upon the proprietors interested in such improvements, or upon all the proprietors or occupants of immoveables bordering."

56 Viet., c. 52, s. 394 repealed. 5. Section 394 of the act 56 Victoria, chapter 52, as replaced by the act 4 Edward VII, chapter 56, section 17, is repealed.

56 Viet., c. 52, s. 416, replaced. 6. Section 416 of the act 56 Victoria, chapter 52, is replaced by the following:

Real estate tax. "416. To levy and collect annually, in addition to all other taxes, upon all immoveables in the municipality, a tax not exceeding two per cent of the real value as entered in the valuation roll. These assessments constitute a charge on the immoveables and the proprietors are personally responsible therefor. The amounts paid for local improvements by the proprietors, who benefit thereby, are not included in the above-mentioned amount of two per cent of the real value, nor the other special taxes levied by by-law of the council."

7. Section 424 of the act 56 Victoria, chapter 52, is ^{56 Vict., c. 52, s. 424,} replaced by the following: ^{replaced.}

"424. To levy a special tax not exceeding one hundred ^{Special tax} dollars on every first branch of a chartered bank, doing ^{on every} business in the city, and fifty dollars on all other additional ^{first branch} branches." <sup>of a char-
tered bank.</sup>

8. Section 427 of the act 56 Victoria, chapter 52, is ^{56 Vict., c. 52, s. 427,} amended by adding thereto the following paragraph: ^{am.}

"Upon all persons or corporations selling cigarettes ^{Special tax} within the limits of the city, a special tax not exceeding ^{on persons} twenty-five dollars." <sup>selling
cigarettes.</sup>

9. The act 56 Victoria, chapter 52, is amended by in- ^{56 Vict., c. 52, s. 539a,} serting therein, after section 539 thereof, the following ^{added.} section:

"539a. The council shall submit, by by-law to the ^{Certain by-} electors whose names are inscribed in the list of electors in ^{laws must be} force, any question of franchise or contract between the ^{submitted.} city and any person or company for the carrying of pas- sengers, for supplying heat, light and electricity, and shall not adopt any by-law or pass any resolution and shall ^{Approval.} make no contract with such person or company without having the favorable opinion expressed by means of the vote of the majority of electors, proprietors or occupants who have voted.

When such by-law or resolution or referendum has to ^{Procedure} be submitted to the electors, under this section, the pro- ^{on referen-} cedure shall be that indicated in the provisions of the char- ^{dum.} ter of the city respecting the formalities for submitting a by-law to the electors, *mutatis mutandis*.

10. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may authorize ^{Inquiries by} the Quebec Public Service Commission to inquire into the ^{Que. Pub.} contracts and titles under which lots and sites are held in ^{Service} the city of Hull, whether, in virtue of *constituts*, alienations for ^{Commission} into con- tract, etc., thereon, the improvements and constructions made ^{for lots, in} the city of Hull. may be redeemed, and all other means to be employed to assure to the present holders the titles to their land. For such purpose, the Commission may employ all means of inquiry authorized by the law governing it and report to ^{Report.} the Lieutenant-Governor in Council within such delay as he may fix.

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