

The said inquiries may be held indifferently before or after internment.

7. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 6 of the act 9 George V, chapter 89, when the city is called upon to repay the short term loans authorized by the acts 4 George V, chapter 72, sections 1, 2 and 5, and 5 George V, chapter 88, section 1, it may, by resolution of the council, repay such loans by other loans to the amount of the balance due on each of them, after deducting the amount of the accumulated sinking-fund, repayable within a short term, of not less than two years nor more than ten years, at such rate of interest as the council may fix, with a sinking-fund of not less than one per cent.

Payment of certain short term loans.

8. The city is authorized, after first obtaining the consent in writing of all the bordering owners, to close, by by-law, that portion of Leonard street situate between DeVarenes and Lallemand streets.

Closing of part of Leonard St.

9. The city is authorized, after first obtaining the consent in writing of all the bordering owners, to close, by by-law, any street or part of a street it may deem advisable; such by-law to be subject to the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

Of other streets.

10. The city council is authorized to grant an exemption from all taxes, (school and water taxes excepted) to the Chateau Frontenac, for a period of ten years, on the proposed extension, and to fix the terms of such exemption.

Exemption for Chateau Frontenac.

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

Coming into force.

CHAP. 86

An Act to amend the charter of the city of Montreal

[Assented to, 14th of February, 1920]

WHEREAS the city of Montreal has, by its petition, represented that it is in the interest of the city and is necessary for the proper administration of its affairs that its charter, the act 62 Victoria, chapter 58, and the acts amending the same, be amended, and whereas it is expedient to grant its prayer;

Preamble.

Therefore, His Majesty, with the advice and consent of

the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of Quebec, enacts as follows:

62 Vict., c. 58, s. 5, am. **1.** Article 5 of the act 62 Victoria, chapter 58, as amended by the acts 7 Edward VII, chapter 63, section 1; 8 Edward VII, chapter 85, section 1; 9 Edward VII, chapter 81, section 1; 1 George V (first session), chapter 48, sections 1 and 3; 1 George V (second session), chapter 60, section 2; 2 George V, chapter 56, section 1; 3 George V, chapter 54, section 1; 4 George V, chapter 73, section 2; 7 George V, chapter 60, section 1; 8 George V, chapter 84, section 1, and 9 George V, chapter 90, section 1, is further amended by replacing the seventh clause of paragraph *p* by the following:

General tax for annexed territory.

“Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the city of Montreal shall, for a period of fifteen years, impose, on the taxable properties situate within the annexed territory, a general tax of two per cent on the value of the said taxable property.”

Id., s. 300, am.

2. Article 300 of the act 62 Victoria, chapter 58, as amended by the acts 63 Victoria, chapter 49, sections 7 and 8; 3 Edward VII, chapter 62, sections 22 and 23; 4 Edward VII, chapter 49, sections 6 and 7; 7 Edward VII, chapter 63, sections 10 and 11; 8 Edward VII, chapter 85, section 15; 9 Edward VII, chapter 81, sections 7, 8 and 9; 1 George V (1st Session), chapter 48, section 29; 1 George V (2nd Session), chapter 60, sections 10 and 11; 2 George V, chapter 56, sections 11 and 12; 3 George V, chapter 54, section 8; 4 George V, chapter 73, section 8; 6 George V, chapter 44, section 12; 7 George V, chapter 60, section 2, and 8 George V, chapter 84, section 29, is again amended:

Par. 8, replaced.

a. by replacing paragraph 88 thereof, as replaced by the act 2 George V, chapter 56, section 11, by the following:

Sale of provisions, etc., on markets.

“88. To provide that provisions or provender usually bought and sold in the public markets, and that may be brought to the city for sale, be taken to the public markets to be offered for sale there, and that no such provisions or provender shall be offered or exposed for sale, or be sold or purchased elsewhere in the city than on the public markets; but the council may empower any person to sell, offer or expose for sale, beyond the limits of the said markets, meat, vegetables and provisions usually brought and sold on the public markets by granting him a license for that purpose upon the payment of such sum and on such conditions as shall be fixed by by-law. Nevertheless, the

city shall grant yearly licenses, the price whereof shall not exceed twenty-five dollars, to farmers, gardeners and market garkeners or dealers in farm produce allowing them to sell their produce to grocers, butchers, fruit or vegetable dealers and provision merchants at the respective stores or warehouses of the latter. The provisions of the city charter and by-laws respecting the manner of issuing permits and licenses shall apply to such cases. Nevertheless, this clause shall not affect the rights of present owners or lessees of butchers' stalls within the limits of the forbidden zone of the Maisonneuve market established by the city, who may there carry on their trade by conforming to the city by-law;"

b. by replacing paragraph 95 thereof, as replaced by the act 1 George V (2nd session), chapter 60, section 10, by the following: Par. 95, replaced.

"95. To permit the city to provide, when it is necessary, suitable automatic safety-valves at connections in the sewerage for the draining of any lots whether built upon or not, the cost thereof to be borne by the owner of the property; and such costs shall be recoverable as per statement prepared by the city; and to provide for the inspection of such safety-valves by the city. Safety-valves for sewers, etc.

Any action for the recovery of the said costs may be brought by the city, whatever may be the amount, before the Recorder's Court of the city of Montreal, which shall have jurisdiction to hear and decide such cases;" Action to recover.

c. by inserting therein, after paragraph 157, as enacted by the act 8 George V, chapter 84, section 29, the following paragraph: Par. 158, enacted.

"158. To forbid master plumbers to employ journey-men plumbers who have neither obtained a license from the city nor the certificate of competency required by the city by-laws; to compel the master plumbers to give to the city the name and address of every journeyman plumber in their employ." Journey-men plumbers must be licensed, etc.

3. The following article is inserted in the act 62 Victoria, chapter 58, after article 307*b*, as enacted by the act 4 Edward VII, chapter 49, section 9: Id., s. 307c, enacted.

"**307c.** The fines which the city may impose for each and every infringement of its by-laws may be for a maximum of two hundred dollars in the case of the by-laws passed under paragraphs 25, 40 and 41 of article 300 of the city charter, instead of being for a maximum of forty dollars as provided by article 307 of the charter." Amount of fines for certain offences.

4. Article 335 of the act 62 Victoria, chapter 58, as replaced by the act 3 Edward VII, chapter 62, section 28, Id., s. 335, replaced.

and amended by the act 3 George V, chapter 54, section 11, is again replaced by the following:

Limitation of estimates and how made.

“335. The amount voted on the yearly estimates must never exceed the probable amount of revenue for the ensuing year. This probable revenue shall be estimated as follows:

a. by taking the amount of the real estate tax, of the water rates and of the business tax for the current year, taking into account the probable increase or decrease that may result from the increase or decrease in the rate of such taxes, provided that such tax so increased or decreased be established before or at the time that the estimates are adopted;

b. by adding to the amount of the said rolls the probable amount to be collected during the following year from all persons, companies or corporations, either under the by-laws, or under contracts or other deeds;

c. by adding to the above sums an amount corresponding to any other revenue collected during the current year to the 31st of October inclusive, as well as the probable amount to be collected during the following months of November and December.

Proviso in cases of urgent necessity.

In cases of urgent necessity, such as epidemics, inundations, damages caused by irresistible force, or judgments, the council may, by by-law, make any appropriation it may think necessary beyond the amount at its disposal; provided that, by such by-law, an additional assessment shall be imposed upon immovable property, payable during the course of the year in which such by-law is passed, sufficient to cover the amount so appropriated; such assessment shall be imposed, recovered and collected in the same manner as the ordinary assessments on immovable property, imposed and levied in virtue of the law.”

Id., s. 347, replaced.

5. Article 347 of the act 62 Victoria, chapter 58, as amended by the act 3 Edward VII, chapter 62, section 31, and replaced by the act 1 George V (2nd session), chapter 60, section 17, is again replaced by the following:

Sale of land by city by public auction.

“347. The sale by the city of vacant lots or those with buildings upon the same, owned by it, shall be by public auction.

Exception in certain case.

Nevertheless, when an immovable intended for sale has not in the opinion of the city a sufficiently great area to be used to advantage for a distinct and separate undertaking, the sale may be made by mutual agreement to the proprietor of the neighboring land, provided the price

of sale shall not be less than that fixed by the chairman of the board of assessors on a special report made for that purpose.

The proceeds of the sale of such immoveables may be expended in doing the permanent works described in article 344.” How proceeds to be employed.

6. Article 351*b* of the act 62 Victoria, chapter 58, as enacted by the act 7 Edward VII, chapter 63, section 15, amended by the act 8 Edward VII, chapter 85, section 17, and replaced by the acts 1 George V (1st session), chapter 48, section 38, 1 George V (2nd session), chapter 60, section 18, and 4 George V, chapter 73, section 14, is again replaced by the following: Id., s. 351*b*, replaced.

“351*b*. The city is authorized to borrow, from time to time, the sums of money which it may require to provide,— Authorization to borrow, for:

a. for the current expenses in anticipation of the ordinary revenue; Current expenses;

b. for the purchase of merchandise, materials, supplies or other articles it may need during the ordinary course of the administration, provided that in such case the total amount of the loan shall not at any time exceed the sum of three hundred thousand dollars; Purchase of supplies, etc.

c. for the purchase of machinery, plant or other apparatus it may need during the ordinary course of the municipal works, provided that, in such case, the total amount of the loan shall not at any time exceed three hundred thousand dollars; provided that, in the case of paragraphs *b* and *c*, a sum shall be voted every year, in the estimates, sufficient to pay for the merchandise, materials, supplies and other articles utilized during the course of the year, and to establish a sinking-fund for the purpose of offsetting the depreciation in such machinery, apparatus or plant; Purchase of machines, etc.;

d. for the share of proprietors in cases of expropriation, for the construction of sidewalks and sewers and for other permanent works until the special assessments therefor shall have been collected. In anticipation of assessments.

The losses which may arise through the inability to collect the special assessments shall be made good from the revenue or from the general loan fund or other sums at the disposal of the city. How losses to be made good.

The loans provided for by this article may be effected by the issue of bonds, debentures or inscribed stock, signed by the mayor and the city treasurer, and the by-laws authorizing such loans shall bear a certificate from the city comptroller, indicating the object of the loans. Manner of effecting loans.

In the case of paragraphs *b* and *c* above mentioned, the Treasury

bonds in certain case. loan may also be effected wholly or in part by means of treasury bonds, and such bonds shall be renewable at any time.

Not part of general borrowing power. Such loans shall not form part of the general borrowing power of the city in virtue of article 343."

Id., s. 361b, replaced. **7.** Article 361b of the act 62 Victoria, chapter 58, as enacted by the act 8 George V, chapter 84, section 31, is replaced by the following:

Special surtax on certain property for four years. **"361b.** The city is authorized to impose and levy every year during the years 1918, 1919, 1920 and 1921, a special real estate surtax on the property situated in the streets, lanes and public places of the city, belonging to telephone or telegraph companies, lighting companies, (gas or electric), or electric power companies, or any company operating public utility services of any kind whatsoever, and making use of the city streets, lanes or public places for its operations.

Limitation in certain cases. Such surtax shall not exceed one per cent per annum in the case of waterworks companies, nor five per cent per annum in all other cases, of the value of the said property, as entered on the valuation roll in force, and shall be shown every year on the valuation assessment roll.

Exemption etc. The Montreal Tramways Company shall be exempt from such tax. In the case of waterworks companies, such power shall not extend to the year 1921."

Id., art. 364, am. **8.** Article 364 of the act 62 Victoria, chapter 58, as amended by the acts 3 Edward VII, chapter 62, sections 37 and 38; 4 Edward VII, chapter 49, sections 13 and 14; 7 Edward VII, chapter 63, sections 21 and 22; 9 Edward VII, chapter 81, section 16; 1 George V (2nd session), chapter 60, section 19; 2 George V, chapter 56, section 20; 3 George V, chapter 54, section 17; 4 George V, chapter 73, section 15; 5 George V, chapter 89, sections 9 and 10; 7 George V, chapter 60, section 4, and 8 George V, chapter 84, section 34, is again amended:

Junk-dealers. *a.* by inserting therein, in the English version, after the words: "second-hand dealers", in the third and fourth lines of paragraph *f* thereof, the words: "or junk-dealers";

b. by adding to the said paragraph *f* the following paragraph:

Certain tax declared legal. "The tax which was imposed by the city previous to the coming into force of the act 10 George V, chapter 86, on junk-dealers, is declared legal and binding; and the resolutions or by-laws imposing the same are confirmed and validated"; and

c. by replacing paragraph *k* thereof by the following:

"*k*. A special tax, not exceeding two hundred dollars, on pawn-brokers and money-lenders;" Pawn-brokers, etc.

9. Article 396 of the act 62 Victoria, chapter 58, as *Id.*, art. 396, replaced by the act 8 George V, chapter 84, section 37, am. is amended by striking out, after the word: "assessment", in the sixth line thereof, the words: "or any portion whereof for any single year shall have been due and unpaid for more than one year".

10. The following article is added after article 402 of *Id.*, art. the act 62 Victoria, chapter 58, as replaced by the act 7 402a, George V, chapter 60, section 6: enacted.

"**402a.** When the city purchases an immoveable un- Amount to der article 403, and such immoveable is afterwards re- be included deemed by the owner or his representative, under article in repur- 402, the repurchase price shall, in addition to the amount chase price. paid for such immoveable and the percentage of fifteen per cent on such amount, include an amount representing the general or special taxes on immoveables or the instalments due if such special taxes are so payable, imposed upon such immoveable from the date of the sale to the date of the repurchase, as well as all amounts remaining due to the city for taxes that may not have been paid by the distribution of the moneys levied under the sale by the sheriff.

Until the repurchase, the city shall carry such immove- Property to able on the valuation roll and on the roll for assessments on be carried immoveables, and the assessment or special apportionment, in name of in its name, and shall assess upon the same as upon any the city. other immoveable liable to taxation. After the repurchase the instalments not yet due on special taxes shall continue to affect the immoveable, and the proprietor shall be personally responsible therefor."

11. The city shall not make any expropriation under Expropriations, when article 452 of the city charter before the month of May, to be made. 1922.

Nothing, however, in this section shall affect the city's Exception. right to expropriate St. Lawrence Boulevard from Bellechasse St. to Rolette St., if it deems it expedient.

12. Article 469 of the act 62 Victoria, chapter 58, is *Id.*, art. 469, replaced by the following: replaced.

"**469.** As soon as the city is ready to furnish water to Notice when any part of the city not already supplied, public notice city is ready

to furnish
water.

thereof shall be given, and, after such notice, all persons liable to payment of the rates in such parts of the city, whether they consent or not to receive the water, shall pay the rates fixed by the tariff.

It is forbidden under the penalties enacted by every by-law of the city passed to that effect, for any person, company or corporation to sell or supply water in the city.

Vested
rights not
affected.

The provisions of this article shall not prejudice the powers already possessed by any waterworks company now supplying water within the city limits, and neither shall they prevent the sale, by any person whatsoever, of water to be used for drinking or domestic purposes."

City treas-
urer not to
form part of
Administra-
tive Com-
mission.

13. Notwithstanding the provisions of articles 21*a*, 21*b*, 21*c*, 21*d* and 21*e* of the act 62 Victoria, chapter 58, as enacted by the act 8 George V, chapter 84, section 11, the city treasurer shall no longer, after the coming into force of this act, be a member of the Administrative Commission; and his successor on the said Commission shall be appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council; but the city treasurer shall be appointed by the city, like any other municipal officer.

Delay for
fulfilment
of certain
obligations.

14. The city cannot be compelled by *mandamus* or other judicial proceeding to fulfil, before the first of May, 1921, the obligations imposed upon it by the act 1 George V (1st session), chapter 48, section 1. This provision shall apply to cases now pending, as well as to cases in which the city has already been condemned to carry out any portion of the said obligations, and the city shall be bound to pay the costs in such cases.

Redeemed
bonds may
be cancelled
and replaced

15. When the city purchases its own bonds or debentures, with coupons, for the purpose of investing the same in its sinking-fund, it may, by by-law, cancel such bonds or debentures and replace them by the issue of a single bond or debenture, without coupons, registered in the name of the city treasurer in trust for the sinking-fund.

Redeemed
bonds may
be destroyed
on certain
conditions.

16. The finance comptroller is empowered, with the consent of the city, to destroy, in the presence of the city treasurer and city clerk, the bonds or debentures redeemed by it, provided minutes of the whole proceedings be recorded by a notarial deed, signed by the said officers; such minutes must contain the description of the said bonds or debentures.

Pensions for

17. Each of the two clerks of the Montreal Recorder's

Court in office at the date of the coming into force of this act, if he resigns after fifteen years of service as clerk or deputy-clerk of the said court, or in case of dismissal by the municipal authorities, save for misconduct, shall be entitled to an annual life pension equal to one-half the salary he is receiving at the date of his resignation.

Mr. J. L. Archambault, King's Counsel and city attorney, is pensioned, and shall receive an annual pension equal to three-quarters of the salary of six thousand five hundred dollars which he now receives. Such pension shall be paid him in monthly instalments during his lifetime, beginning from the sanction of this act.

The city is authorized to pay to the former secretary of the police department, afterwards sub-editor of the Municipal Bulletin, to the former chief city physician of Maisonneuve, afterwards transferred to the city health department, and to the former first assistant clerk of the Recorder's Court, an annual life pension equal to one-half of the salary they respectively received at the time they left the service of the city.

Such pensions shall be for life, and shall not be liable to seizure.

18. Notwithstanding any municipal by-law in force, the city is authorized to pay to Olivier Campeau, former chief of police, an annual life pension equal to one-half of the annual salary he was receiving at the time of his resignation, provided such pension shall not be more than two thousand five hundred dollars per annum.

Such pension may run from the date of his resignation, and may be paid to him every year for life, and shall not be liable to seizure.

19. Every special tax on immoveables imposed under the city charter shall be payable on the first of October. When such tax is payable by yearly instalments, the first instalment shall be payable on the first of October, and the other instalments on the first of October of every subsequent year until full payment of the same.

For the rolls in force at the coming into force of this act,—

a. every instalment becoming due before the first of October next shall be payable at the latter date, with accrued interest, and the other instalments shall be payable on the first of October of each subsequent year, until full payment of the same;

b. every instalment becoming due after the first of October, 1919, shall be payable on the first of October, 1920, with the accrued interest to that date, and the other

instalments shall be payable on the first of October of every subsequent year until full payment of the same.

The city may, however, by by-law, fix a date for the payment of such taxes.

No city election in 1920.

20. Notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary, there shall be no general election for the offices of mayor and aldermen of the city of Montreal in 1920, and the term of office of the mayor and aldermen now in office, as well as of any persons replacing the same, who may be appointed according to law to fill any vacancy which may occur among them, shall end on the first of April, 1922.

Montreal Charter Commission. Its composition.

21. 1. A commission is hereby constituted under the name of the "Montreal Charter Commission", (hereinafter called the Commission), which shall consist of 16 persons, two of whom shall be appointed by each of the following corporations or associations:

- a. The Municipal Council of the city of Montreal;
- b. The Administrative Commission of the city of Montreal;
- c. The Proprietors' League;
- d. The Tenants' League;
- e. The Central Trades and Labour Council;
- f. The National Union of Catholic Workmen;
- g. The Montreal Board of Trade;
- h. *La Chambre de Commerce de Montréal.*

When appointments must be made.

2. Such appointments must be made within thirty days from the coming into force of this act, but the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may at any time make any appointment which may not have been made within that delay by the person, public body, corporation or association having the right to do so.

Vacancies.

3. If a member of the Commission should die or refuse or neglect or become unable to act, or send his resignation to the Commission or to one of its members, his office shall become vacant; and the person, public body, corporation or association that made the appointment shall fill the vacancy within a delay of fifteen days, failing which the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may himself appoint a substitute.

Commission not disorganized.

4. A vacancy shall not in any event disorganize the commission.

Office gratuitous.

22. The office of member of the Commission shall be gratuitous.

23. It shall be the duty of the Commission to draw up a charter containing all necessary provisions for assuring the peace and order of the city and its good government by the rate-payers; and it shall submit the same to the Legislature at its next session in accordance with the rules governing private bills. If, however, the next session should take place after the 1st of January, 1921, such draft must be sent on or before that date to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

Duties of
Commission.

24. 1. The Commission shall elect, by a majority of all its members, a president chosen from among the commissioners; and it may appoint its secretary, who need not be a member of the Commission, and whose remuneration it may fix and whom it may replace at will.

President.

2. Before entering into office every member of the Commission, as well as the secretary, shall take an oath before the city clerk to well and faithfully perform the duties of his office.

Oaths to be
taken.

3. The quorum of the Commission shall be seven members.

Quorum.

4. Decisions shall in all cases be taken on the vote of the majority of the members present.

Majority
vote.

5. In the absence of the president another member shall be appointed by the members present to preside at the meeting.

Acting-
chairman.

6. The president or the person presiding in his absence shall vote as a commissioner and shall also have a casting vote.

Casting-
vote.

25. 1. For carrying out the purposes for which it is constituted, the commission is authorized to retain the services of any persons whom it may deem necessary, and to fix their remuneration; to summon witnesses; to cause to be produced or exhibited before it the papers, records and archives under the control and in the possession of the city council, of the Administrative Commission or of the Recorder's Court or of their officers; to examine under oath, which the president or acting-president or the secretary are authorized to administer, any person, respecting any fact relating to anything within his competence.

Services of
others to be
retained.

2. It may also, if it deems expedient, appoint a committee composed of three of its members, with whom it shall associate two advocates of this Province, not being members of the Commission, for the purpose of drafting the city charter wholly or in part; and it may fix the remuneration for such advocates.

Committee.

Approval of expenses, etc. **26.** 1. The expenses incurred by the Commission in the performance of its duties, as well as the salaries, fees and compensation to which the persons whom it may employ are entitled, must be approved by the commission before being exigible from the city.

Payment of amounts approved. 2. The city treasurer is authorized to take, out of the available moneys of the city, the amounts required for effecting payments duly approved, without prejudice however to any recourse which may be exercised against the city by an ordinary suit taken by the person interested for the recovery of any sums of money approved in accordance with the foregoing provisions.

Recommendation as to other municipalities on Island. **27.** The commission shall also, but only on condition of the appointment of five persons for the purpose selected by the mayors of the other municipalities on the Island of Montreal, at a meeting called for the City Hall, Montreal, by a written notice of at least five days given for the purpose, make a report at the same time to the Legislature as to the system of government which should exist to be established for such other municipalities, or for any one of them.

Certain persons must pay license fees. **28.** Every person, company or corporation, advertising himself or itself by signs or by advertisements in the newspapers or otherwise as agent, broker or intermediate agent, or as practising or carrying on any profession, business or trade whatsoever, shall pay the license fee fixed by the by-laws of the city in the same manner as if such person, company or corporation actually acted as such agent, broker, or intermediate agent or as practising or carrying on any such profession, business or trade.

Deed ratified. **29.** The deed of sale by the city of Montreal to the Montreal Catholic School Commission passed before Mtre. Lionel Joron, N. P., on the 6th of November, 1919, under the number 4715 of his repertory, and registered in the registry office for the registration division of Hochelaga and Jacques-Cartier on the 14th of November, 1919, under the number 387,538, is declared legal, valid and binding, and is hereby ratified and confirmed.

Certain powers declared to be possessed by city. **30.** The powers which the city has exercised by its municipal by-law No. 679, passed by its council on the 2nd of December, 1918, and by the contract passed on the 14th of April, 1919, between the city and the "Montreal Abattoirs, Limited", before Jean Baudoin, N.P., under the number 8361 of his repertory, are included in the powers

conferred upon the city by former laws governing the city of Montreal.

31. The city of Montreal may, at any time, by resolution, increase the salary of the secretary of the Montreal Fire Commission, which salary is fixed by article 3821 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, as amended by the act 2 George V, chapter 35, section 1. The city of Montreal may recover from the fire insurance companies their share of any increase of salary so voted, in the same manner as the other amounts which are paid by the said city, under the statutes above mentioned.

Salary of secretary of Montreal Fire Commission may be increased.
Recovery from insurance companies.

32. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary contained in the city charter, the Administrative Commission may at any time, by resolution, order that any special contribution imposed upon real estate, or which may be imposed to pay the cost of any permanent pavement, shall be paid by annual instalments during a period not exceeding twenty years, and, in such case, the privileges and hypothecary rights of the city are preserved upon the immovable liable for such contribution, until the proprietor shall have paid his contribution in full.

Special assessments may be paid by instalments, if so ordered.

The city is authorized to pave, at the expense of the bordering proprietors, any private lane, whenever required so to do by two-thirds in number of the said proprietors, provided that the land belonging to those who have made such request represents at least two-thirds the length of frontage of the lands bordering upon such lane or such part thereof where the paving is to be done. Any resolution ordering the construction of such pavement shall declare that the cost shall be borne by the proprietors bordering thereon. Upon the completion of the paving, the city shall, by resolution, impose a special real estate tax upon the said lands, and the assessment roll shall be made in accordance with the provisions of article 450 of the city charter.

Pavement of private lanes.
Special assessment on bordering proprietors.

The city may enact that such tax shall be payable in annual instalments during a period not exceeding twenty years, and all the provisions of the charter respecting special real estate taxes shall apply.

May be made payable in instalments.

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

Coming into force.