

Sherbrooke street may, by resolution of an absolute majority of the whole council, be commercialized, except however that part of the street situated between the eastern side of Metcalfe and the western side of Lansdowne avenues, both sides inclusive, within which territory no industrial establishment, shop, store, business house or trade, other than a bank or banking premises, shall be established."

Coming
into force.

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

CHAP. 91

An Act to amend the charter of the city of Saint Johns

[Assented to, 14th of February, 1920]

Preamble.

WHEREAS the corporation of the city of Saint Johns has, by its petition, represented that it is in the interest of its ratepayers to amend its charter, the act 53 Victoria, chapter 71, already amended by the acts 8 Edward VII, chapter 90, and 7 George V, chapter 71, in order to confer upon and confirm for the said corporation the rights of ownership and possession and certain more extensive powers that it does not possess concerning, amongst other things, public service companies, business taxes, interest on municipal loans and the approval thereof, the supply of water and municipal elections; and whereas 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:

53 Viet., c.
71, s. 26,
enacted.

1. The act 53 Victoria, chapter 71, is amended by adding the following after section 25 thereof, as replaced by the act 7 George V, chapter 71, section 3:

City to own
streets, etc.

"26. The city is the owner of its streets, sidewalks, and drains."

Provisions
replaced.

2. Title VII of the act 53 Victoria, chapter 71, and articles 254 to 271 inclusive, are repealed and replaced by articles 5545 to 5552 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, and, in the said articles, the word "chapter", wherever it occurs, is replaced by the word: "title".

Id., art 477,
am.

3. Article 477 of the act 53 Victoria, chapter 71, is amended by adding thereto the following paragraph:

"The council shall not have the right to reduce the valuation of any stock of merchandise previously fixed by the majority of the assessors, according to the text of the laws governing the city, unless such request be made by the owner of the stock of merchandise and be supported by a detailed inventory sworn to and stating the real value of such stock of merchandise. When such inventory cannot be furnished, either owing to fortuitous cause or irresistible force, the owner must substitute therefor a declaration under oath, setting forth the aggregate real value of the said stock of merchandise. After such conditions have been fulfilled the council may, if it be satisfied and believes it equitable, reduce the valuation."

Conditions
on which
valuation
may be
reduced.

4. Article 495 as amended by the act 8 Edward VII, chapter 90, section 9 and 7 George V, chapter 71, section 45, article 496, article 497 as replaced by the act 7 George V, chapter 71, section 46, and articles 501 and 502 of the said act are repealed, and articles 5735 and 5736 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, shall apply to the city.

Provisions
repealed and
replaced.

5. The following articles are inserted in the said act, after article 559 thereof:

Id., arts.
560, 561 and
561a,
enacted.

"560. All expenses in connection with the expropriation, acquisition or remaking of the municipal water-works, and the construction, repair or improvement of a pumping station or filter and all other works connected therewith, shall not affect the borrowing power of the city.

Borrowing
power not
affected.

"561. The city of Saint Johns shall have the exclusive right to distribute and furnish water to any person whomsoever, for all purposes within its territorial limits, and any person or company who is supplied with water from any source other than the municipal water-works, must pay to the city the same sum of money that it would be obliged to pay if it made use only of water from the municipal water-works. This provision, however, shall not affect pending cases."

Exclusive
right to
supply
water.

6. Article 5654 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, shall apply to the city, but is replaced therefor by the following:

R. S., 5654,
to apply.

"5654. The municipality may make a special agreement with consumers for the supply of water in special cases, where it is considered that there is more than the ordinary consumption of water.

To make
special
agreements
in certain
cases.

However, the price to be paid for water by railway companies, in case of disagreement between them and the

How price
to be fixed,

failing agreement. city, shall be decided by the Quebec Public Service Commission."

Building by-laws. **7.** The city council is authorized to adopt by-laws to regulate and prohibit the erection of edifices or other buildings along public or private lanes and in rear of any lots, and to prevent the construction of the same.

Coming into force. **8.** This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction.

CHAP. 92

An Act to amend the charter of the city of Joliette

[Assented to, 14th of February, 1920]

Preamble. **W**HEREAS the corporation of the city of Joliette has, by its petition, represented:

That it is expedient in the interest of the proper administration of the municipal affairs of the city to extend the electoral qualification of the municipal electors;

That for such purposes it is necessary for it to obtain certain amendments to its charter, the act 27 Victoria chapter 23, and the acts amending the same;

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:

8 Geo. V, c. 89, s. 2, replaced. **1.** Section 2 of the act 8 George V, chapter 89, is replaced by the following:

5 Geo. V, c. 94, s. 6, replaced. **"2.** Section 6 of the act 5 George V, chapter 94, is replaced by the following:

Certain arts. apply to the city. **"6.** Articles 5372, 5374, 5375, 5376, 5379, 5381, 5383 to 5388 inclusive, 5390 to 5396 inclusive, and 5398 to 5412 inclusive, of the Revised Statutes, 1909, shall apply to the city of Joliette."

R. S., 5368, 5369, replaced, for the city. **2.** Articles 5368 and 5369 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, are replaced for the city by the following:

Municipal electors. **"5368.** The following persons, if of the full age of twenty-one years, British subjects and not legally disqualified nor otherwise deprived of the right to vote in