

of the reasons set forth in the preamble to this act, shall decide upon the present claim of the petitioners according to equity, and their award shall be final and without appeal.

Contract
not affected
by act.

5. Nothing in this act shall affect the contract dated the 11th July, 1917, passed before Mr. Jean Beaudoin, notary, between the said Alfred Pion and the Dominon Bridge Company, Limited.

Coming into
force.

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

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An Act to amend the charter of the city of Three Rivers

[Assented to, 17th of March, 1919]

Preamble.

WHEREAS the city of Three Rivers has, by its petition, represented that it is in the interest of the rate-payers and of the proper administration of its affairs that its charter, the act 5 George V, chapter 90, as amended by the acts 6 George V, chapter 45, 7 George V, chapter 63, and 8 George V, chapter 85, be further amended to the effect hereinbelow set forth, and additional powers be granted it;

Whereas it is expedient to grant the prayer contained in 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:

R.S., 2730,
replaced for
school com-
mission of
Three
Rivers.
Taxes
authorized.

1. Article 2730 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, as replaced for the school commissions for the city of Three-Rivers by the act 8 George V, chapter 85, section 8, is again replaced for the said commissions as follows:

"2730. To raise the moneys required for creating a revenue for the maintenance and administration of the said school board, the latter shall have the right to impose and levy the following taxes yearly:

1. Upon all immoveables, an annual tax not exceeding one dollar per one hundred dollars of the real value as entered on the city's valuation roll;

2. Upon all tenants in the municipality, without distinction as to religious belief, an annual tax not exceeding

four cents per dollar of the rent as entered on the city's valuation roll. Every person occupying an immovable, or a portion thereof, of which he is neither owner nor tenant, is bound to pay such tax according to the yearly value entered on the said valuation roll.

The said school commissions must hand over to the school trustees for the municipality of the city of Three Rivers such part of the tax as is collected from dissentient tenants, after deduction of such proportion thereof as may be fixed by the said commissioners to pay the cost of collection.

Part to be handed over to school trustees.

This article shall not apply to persons or things exempt from taxes under article 2733.

If a by-law is passed by the city to compel proprietors to pay their tenants' taxes, the board may order that the school taxes imposed on tenants be collected in the same manner and on the same conditions as municipal taxes."

2. The following paragraph is added, for the city, after paragraph 9 of article 5677 of the Revised Statutes, 1909:

R.S., 5677, am. for the city.

"10. To regulate the purchase and sale by the city council of milk, produce and fuel, whenever deemed necessary by the council".

Sale of milk, &c.

3. Article 5686 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, including the amendments made by the act 8 George V, chapter 60, section 6, shall not be interpreted as applying to the by-laws heretofore passed and voted by the city council, under section 55 of its charter, the act 5 George V, chapter 90.

R.S., 5686, not to apply to certain by-laws.

4. Article 5727 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is replaced, for the city, by the following:

R.S., 5727, replaced for the city.

"**5727.** The municipal taxes, the interest thereon and the amount of six per cent imposed upon those who have not paid within the delay fixed by article 5750, as replaced for the city by the act 5 George V, chapter 90, section 75, shall be a privileged claim and exempt from the formality of registration."

Privilege for municipal taxes.

5. The following article is added, for the city after article 5732 of the Revised Statutes, 1909:

R.S., 5732a, enacted for the city.

"**5732a.** The council may also impose and levy, by by-law, a tax not exceeding six per cent of the annual value, as shown on the valuation roll, of the premises in which any trade, occupation, art, profession or means of profit or livelihood, or in which manufactures, warehouses, stores or other financial or commercial undertakings are established

Business tax authorized.

To replace former tax. Such tax, to be called "Business Tax", shall be paid by every person, company or corporation, carrying on or operating any such trade, occupation, manufacture, art or profession. Such tax when imposed shall take the place of the annual dues or taxes provided for in article 5735 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, as replaced for the city by section 72 of the act 5 George V, chapter 90."

By-law ratified.

6. The by-law, chapter 357, passed and adopted by the council on the 17th June, 1918, and intituled: "By-law respecting the purchase and transfer of certain lots of land to favor the erection of dwelling-houses by the Canada Steamship Lines Limited", and the contracts of purchase of the said lands and their transfer to the company, as set forth in the said by-law, are hereby ratified; and the council may issue bonds to an amount of eighty thousand dollars, bearing interest at six per cent per annum, redeemable in thirty years, counting from the 1st of November, 1917, to pay the price of such lots. Such debentures shall not be subject to the conditions imposed by articles 5782, 5783, 5784, and 5788 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, as replaced by sections 10, 11, 12, and 14 of the act 8 George V, chapter 60.

Bond issue authorized.

Certain conditions not to apply.

Early closing.

7. In any by-law passed and adopted under article 5885 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, the council may decide that shops shall be closed at six o'clock in the evening, instead of seven.

Loans authorized.

8. The corporation of the city of Three Rivers is authorized to borrow the following amounts:

1. One hundred and fifty thousand dollars, to be exclusively used for the necessary improvements made to its waterworks system;

2. One hundred and ten thousand dollars, to be exclusively employed in consolidating the floating debt of the city as it now exists;

3. Five thousand dollars, to be exclusively used in paying the balance due on the construction of the Grand'-Mère-Shawinigan-Three Rivers road;

4. Seven thousand dollars, to be exclusively used for subscriptions to the patriotic fund or aid funds of the same kind;

5. Five thousand dollars to be exclusively used for a grant that the city may make in aid of the proposed enlargement of the academy owned by the Dissident School trustess of the city of Three Rivers.

Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the council is authorized to effect the said loans or some of them, by bonds, &c. bonds or debentures of the city, issued by by-law with such details and on such conditions as may be determined.

The council may effect the above loans without submitting the by-laws regarding them to the electors who are property-owners.

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

C H A P. 94

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

[Assented to, 17th of March, 1919]

WHEREAS the city of Saint Hyacinthe has by petition represented that it is of public interest and important for the proper administration of its affairs to amend its charter, the acts 51-52 Victoria, chapter 83, 54 Victoria, chapter 80; 58 Victoria, chapter 52; 3 Edward VII, chapter 65; 6 Edward VII, chapter 48, 5 George V, chapter 95, and 8 George V, chapter 86, in such a manner that article 5638 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, shall form part of the said charter; that the said city may continue until the first of May, 1921, to exercise the powers granted it by the act 8 George V, chapter 86, section 22, to make, amend and repeal by-laws for buying, and selling during the period of the present war (1918), provided it be not lower than the cost price, fuel and food to the residents of the city of Saint Hyacinthe, and that it be permitted to adopt for special taxation purposes another method than that now enacted by section 46 of the act 58 Victoria, chapter 52, and in the manner and for the purposes hereinafter set forth;

Whereas it is expedient to grant the prayer to that effect contained in 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:

1. Article 5638 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, shall form part of the charter of the city of Saint Hyacinthe. R.S., 5638,
to apply to
city.

2. Paragraph 24 of article 5680 of the Revised Statutes, Id., 5680, 1909, as enacted for the city by section 22 of the act 8 par. 24,