

total cost of the works for which such loan is required, and that the works have been entirely executed.

The special assessment collected from the interested proprietors, for the permanent works made under this section, shall constitute a sinking-fund to be applied exclusively to paying the interest on the debentures or registered stock issued for the payment of these works, and to redeem such debentures and registered stock at maturity, which said interest and sinking-fund shall nevertheless remain a charge against the general funds of the city.

The loans authorized by this section shall not affect the general borrowing power which the city has under its charter, but upon the special condition that the sinking-fund required by the preceding paragraph be not used for any other purpose than that for which it is established.

The city may, however, redeem, before maturity, the debentures or registered stock issued under this section, provided such redemption be not made above par, and may use for such purpose the moneys of the sinking-fund established for their redemption.

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

CHAP. 73

An Act to incorporate the town of Ste. Thérèse

[Assented to 22nd December, 1916]

WHEREAS the corporation of the village of Ste. Thérèse de Blainville has, by its petition, represented that the provisions of the Municipal Code no longer suffice for its present needs, and it has become necessary to take more extensive measures for the administration of the said village; and it has prayed to be incorporated as a town under the The Cities and Towns' Act, and under the name of the "Town of Ste. Thérèse";

Whereas it is in the interest of the ratepayers of the said village of Ste. Thérèse de Blainville, that the said petition be granted;

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

1. This act shall be cited as "The charter of the town of Ste. Thérèse."

Provisions
applicable.

2. The town of Ste. Thérèse is subject to the provisions of chapter first of title eleven of the Revised Statutes, 1909, and its amendments (articles 5256 to 5884), except in so far as they may be inconsistent with the provisions of this act.

Succession
to rights,
&c.

3. The town of Ste. Thérèse, hereby incorporated, shall succeed to the rights, obligations, privileges, notes, claims and actions of the corporation of the village of Ste. Thérèse de Blainville, and shall replace it for all legal purposes.

Officers, &c.
to remain
in office.

4. The present municipal officers and employees of the corporation of the village of Ste. Thérèse de Blainville shall remain in office until dismissed or replaced by the council of the town of Ste. Thérèse, under the provisions of this act.

By-laws,
&c., to
remain in
force.

5. All by-laws, resolutions, *procès-verbaux*, assessment rolls, debts, lists, plans and other deeds and municipal documents whatsoever, made and consented to by the council of the corporation of the village of Ste. Thérèse de Blainville, shall continue to have their effect until amended, cancelled, repealed or executed.

Notes, &c.,
to remain in
force.

6. All notes, bonds, obligations, engagements, titles or contracts whatsoever, subscribed, accepted or issued by the council of the village of St. Thérèse de Blainville, until the coming into force of this act, shall continue to have their legal effect.

Separation
from
county.

7. The town of Ste. Thérèse is hereby separated from the county of Terrebonne for municipal purposes.

R. S., 5271,
replaced for
the town.

8. Article 5271 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is replaced for the town by the following:

First
general
election.
Subsequent
elections.

"5271. The first general election shall take place on the third Wednesday of May, 1917, or on the following juridical day. Subsequent elections shall take place every two years on the third Wednesday of May or the first following juridical day."

R. S., 5272,
replaced for
the town.
Presiding
officer for
first elec-
tion.

9. Article 5272 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is replaced for the town by the following:

"5272. The first general election shall be presided over by a person designated by the council of the town of Ste. Thérèse."

10. The inhabitants and ratepayers of the town of ^{Town} Ste. Thérèse residing in the territory comprised within ^{incorporated.} the limits hereinafter described and indicated, are hereby constituted a town corporation under the name of the ^{Name.} "Town of Ste. Thérèse."

11. The territory of the town of Ste. Thérèse shall be ^{Territory.} the same, and be bounded in the same manner as that of the municipality of the village of Ste. Thérèse de Blainville.

12. The town of Sainte-Thérèse shall be divided into ^{Division} three wards, as follows: ^{into wards.}

MERCIER WARD, comprising the following territory: ^{Boundaries} beginning at the northwest corner of lot No. 1; thence run- ^{of wards.} ning in an easterly direction following the north boundary line of the town of Ste. Therese in the northeast corner of lot No. 53 of the said town; thence, following the boundary line of the said town in a southwest direction to the northeast corner of lot No. 54; thence, following the northwest side of lot No. 54 to the northwest point of the said lot No. 54; thence, following the southwest side of the said lot No. 54 to the northeast corner of lot No. 53-14; thence in a westerly direction following the rear line of lots Nos. 53-14, 53-13, 53-12, 53-11, 53-10, 53-9, 53-8, 53-7, 53-6, 53-5, 53-4, 53-3, 53-2 53-1, 52-8, 52-7, 52-6, 52-5, 52-4, 52-3, 52-2, and 52-1 to the northwest corner of lot No. 52-1; thence towards the north following the northeast sides of lots Nos. 49 and 50 to the northeast corner of lot No. 50; thence in a southwesterly direction following the northwest sides of lots Nos. 50, 48 and 47, to the southwest corner of lot No. 51; thence running towards the northwest following the northeast sides of lots Nos. 46 and 45 to the northwest corner of lot No. 45; thence following the rear line of lots Nos. 44, 43, 42, 41, 40, 39 and 38 to the northwest corner of lot No. 38; thence towards the southwest following the west side of lot No. 38, to the southwest corner of said lot No. 38; thence following the north side of Ste. Therese street to its intersection with the east side of Church street; thence following the north side of Ste. Therese street to the southeast corner of lot No. 97; thence in a northerly direction following the northeast side of the said lot No. 97 to the northeast corner of the said lot; thence in a southwesterly direction, following the northwest side of said lot No. 97 to the middle of the Rivière aux Chiens; thence ascending the river passing in the middle to the intersection of this main line with the prolongation of the southwest side of lot No. 114; from that point of intersection running

towards the northwest of the said lot, following the said southwest and northwest sides of said lot No. 114, to a point situated on the north side of St. Charles street in the prolongation of the northwest side of lot No. 114; from that point, running towards the northwest, following the north side of St. Charles street, to the southwest corner of lot No. 1; thence following the west side of lot No. 1 to the starting-point;

Mercier Ward is bounded towards the north by the boundary line between the town of Ste. Thérèse and the parish of Ste. Therese de Blainville; towards the northeast, part by the boundary line between the town and the parish, part by lot No. 54; towards the south by lots Nos. 53-14, 53-13, 53-12, 53-11, 53-10, 53-9, 53-8, 53-7, 53-6, 53-5, 53-4, 53-3, 53-2, 53-1, 52-8, 52-7, 52-6, 52-5, 52-4, 52-3, 52-2 and 52-1, also by lots Nos. 44, 43, 42, 41, 40, 39 and 38 and Ste. Therese street, and by the south half of the Rivière aux Chiens, and by St. Charles street; towards the southeast by lots Nos. 54, 50, 48, 47 and 46; towards the southwest by lot No. 53, lot No. 49, lot No. 50, lot No. 46, lot No. 45, lot No. 37 and the boundary line between the town and the parish; towards the west by the boundary line between the town and the parish;

GOUIN WARD, comprising the following territory: beginning at the southwest corner of lot No. 115; thence, towards the northwest following the southwest limit of the town to a point situated on the north side of Ste. Therese street in the prolongation of the northeast side of lot No. 115; thence following the limit of the town, on the north side of Ste. Therese street, to the southwest corner of lot No. 115; thence, following the limit of the town to the middle of the Rivière aux Chiens; thence, still following the limit of the town by the middle of the Rivière aux Chiens to the intersection of this main line and the prolongation of the southwest side of lot No. 114; thence following the middle of the river, running towards the southwest to the intersection of such middle line with the northwest side of lot No. 97; thence following the northwest side of lot No. 97 to its intersection with the southwest side of Church street; thence in a southeasterly direction following the southwest side of Church street to its intersection with Ste-Therese street; thence following the north side of Ste. Therese street to the southeast corner of lot No. 37; thence, crossing Ste. Therese street to the northwest corner of lot No. 94; thence following the west side and the southwest side of lot No. 94 to the southwest corner of the said lot No. 94; thence following the rear line of lot No. 94 to the southeast corner

of said lot No. 94; thence, towards the southeast, following the southwest sides of lot No. 93 and lot No. 92 and the prolongation to the middle of the Rivière aux Chiens; thence descending following the middle of the Rivière aux Chiens to the intersection of such middle line with the southeast side of lot No. 251 prolonged from this point following the straight line to the northwest corner of lot No. 258; thence running towards the southeast following the southwest side of lot No. 258 to the southwest corner of said lot No. 258; thence following a straight line to the northwest corner of lot No. 259-1; from that corner, to the southwest corner of the said lot No. 259-1; thence, in a straight line to the northwest corner of lot No. 260-1; thence following the rear line of lots Nos. 260-1, 260-2, 260-3, 260-4, 260-5, 260-6, 260-7, 260-8, 260-9, 260-10, 260-11, 260-12, 260-13, 260-14, 260-15, 260-16, 260-17, 260-18, 260-19, 260-20, 260-21, 260-22, 260-23 and 260-24 to the southwest corner of lot No. 260-24; thence, following the north side of the Côte Cachée to the southwest corner of lot No. 198, this last-mentioned line being the southeast boundary line of the town; thence, following the boundary line of the town to the starting-point.

Gouin ward is bounded towards the north, part by the boundary line of the town, part by the north half of the middle of the river or boundary line of the town, part by Mercier ward; towards the east and northeast by Ste. Therese street, by lots Nos. 94, 93, 92, by the half of the middle of the river, by part of lot No. 252, by Dubois street, by lot No. 258, part of lot No. 259, by Dion street, by lot No. 259-1, part of lot No. 259, by part of lot No. 270 (Montreal Northern Colonization Railway), by part of lot No. 260, by part of lot No. 272 (St. Eustache branch line), part by lot No. 260, by the lots Nos. 260-1, 260-2, 260-3, 260-4, 260-5, 260-6, 260-7, 260-8, 260-9, 260-10, 260-11, 260-12, 260-13, 260-14, 260-15, 260-16, 260-17, 260-18, 260-19, 260-20, 260-21, 260-22, 260-23, and 260-24; towards the southeast and the south by the Côte Cachée and the limits of the town; towards the southwest by the limits of the town, towards the northwest by lot No. 94;

CHAPLEAU WARD, comprising the following territory: beginning at the southeast corner of lot No. 268; thence following the southeast limits of the town to the southwest corner of lot No. 260-24; thence towards the northwest following the northeast and northwest limits of Gouin ward to the southeast corner of lot No. 37; thence towards the north, towards the south-east and towards the north-east, following the limits of Mercier ward to the north-

east corner of lot No. 54; thence, following the limits of the town to the starting-point;

Chapleau ward is bounded towards the north, towards the northwest and towards the northeast by Mercier ward; towards the northeast by the limits of the town; towards the south, the southwest and the northwest by Gouin ward and Mercier ward.

The numbers of lots mentioned in the above named descriptions are all numbers of lots of the cadastre of the village of Ste. Thérèse de Blainville.

Composition of council. **13.** The municipal council of the town of Ste. Thérèse shall consist of a mayor and six aldermen.

Present mayor and councillors to be first council. **14.** The present mayor and councillors of the village of Ste. Thérèse de Blainville shall constitute the council of the town hereby organized. The mayor shall continue in office until the new mayor, who shall be elected at the general elections in 1917, is sworn in; the aldermen shall also continue in office until the opening of the first general or special sitting of the council held after the said general elections.

Roll on which first election to be held. **15.** The election of the month of May, 1917, shall take place in accordance with the valuation roll in force on the first of May, 1917, provided the electors whose names appear on the roll are qualified to vote under the charter, but the payment of taxes shall not be required, and the failure to pay them shall not constitute an impediment to the right to vote.

R. S., 5301, replaced for the town. Election of mayor. **16.** Article 5301 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is replaced for the town by the following:
“**5301.** The mayor is elected for two years by the majority of the municipal electors who have voted.”

R. S., 5302, replaced for the town. Election of aldermen. **17.** Article 5302 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is replaced for the town by the following:
“**5302.** The aldermen shall be elected for two years, to the number of two in each ward, by the majority of the municipal electors of each ward who have voted. The offices of aldermen of the municipality shall be designated in each ward by numbers.”

Appointment of special officer. **18.** The town may, by resolution of the council, appoint an officer to supervise the construction and maintenance of sewers, roads, sidewalks, parks, municipal buildings and works, for drawing up plans for such sewers,

roads, sidewalks, parks and municipal buildings and works.

Such officer shall have his office in the building where the offices of the corporation are situated, or at any other place fixed by resolution of the council.

19. Article 5374 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is R. S., 5374, replaced, for the town, by the following: replaced for the town.

"5374. Prior to the first of April of each year, there shall be prepared by the clerk, or under his direction, in the manner hereinafter mentioned, a list for the municipality of the names of persons entered on the valuation roll as well as on the collection roll of the municipality, and qualified to be entered in the electors' list." When electors' lists to be prepared.

20. Article 5376 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is R. S., 5376, replaced, for the town, by the following: replaced for the town.

"5376. In the preparation of the list, the clerk shall omit therefrom, and, from time to time, cause to be removed therefrom, the names of all persons who either are or who may become deceased, also the names of minors, of aliens, non-residents, of corporation employees referred to in article 5372, and of all others who are not entitled to have their names entered in such list. Names to be omitted or removed therefrom.

During the months of February and March of each year any ratepayer may, under proper safe-guards, examine the list in the office of the clerk, and if he finds therein the name of any person whom he may have reason to believe is not legally entitled to be entered, he may file with the clerk a signed statement, specifying the name and alleging the causes of disqualification; and, in each such case, the clerk shall make careful inquiry respecting the truth of such allegations, before permitting any name thus objected to to remain upon the list when he certifies it." Examination of lists.

21. Article 5383 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is R. S., 5383, replaced, for the town, by the following: replaced for the town.

"5383. If the clerk has not made the alphabetical list of electors, or has not given or published the notice required by article 5379, by the third Wednesday of April, the judge of the Superior Court for the district, or, in the event of the absence of the judge of the said district or of his inability to act, a judge of a neighbouring district, or the district magistrate, on summary petition of any person entitled to be entered as an elector in the municipality, shall appoint a special clerk to prepare the alphabetical list of electors." Appointment of special clerk to make list, failing clerk.

R. S., 5395,
replaced for
the town.

Coming into
force of list.

22. Article 5395 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is replaced, for the town, by the following:

"5395. The list of electors shall come into force at the expiration of the thirty days following the expiration of the delay prescribed for the preparation of the list, or, if the list has been completed after the expiration of the said delay, within the thirty days after the notice given in virtue of article 5379, and shall remain in force until the month of May following its coming into force, and thereafter, in all cases, until a new list is made and put into force under the authority of this chapter.

List in
force, even
if appealed
from, until
decision.

Notwithstanding the appeal to a judge of the Superior Court, or to a district magistrate in districts in which there is no judge of the Superior Court, touching a portion of the list, such portion of the list shall remain in force until the final decision of the court before which the said petition in appeal is pending."

R. S., 5413,
replaced for
the town.

Date of
general
elections.

23. Article 5413 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is replaced, for the town, by the following:

"5413. The general election of the mayor shall take place every two years, on the third Wednesday of May, or the following juridical day. The election of the aldermen shall take place every two years, on the third Wednesday of May or on the following juridical day."

R. S., 5415,
replaced for
the town.

Appoint-
ment of
election
clerk.

24. Article 5415 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is replaced, for the town, by the following:

"5415. Ten days at least before the third Wednesday of May in the year in which a general election is held, the returning-officer, by a commission under his hand, in the form E, shall appoint an election clerk, and may, at any time during the election, appoint, in the same manner, another election clerk, if the one first appointed resigns, or refuses or is unable to perform his duties as such clerk."

R. S., 5419,
replaced for
the town.

Notice of
election.

25. Article 5419 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is replaced, for the town, by the following:

"5419. Eight days at least before the first Wednesday of May in the year in which a general election is held, the returning-officer shall give public notice, in the form G, under his signature, setting forth:

a. The place and time fixed for the nomination of candidates;

b. The day on which the polls for taking the votes of the electors will be held, in case a poll is necessary;

c. The appointment of the election clerk."

26. Article 5421 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is replaced, for the town, by the following: R. S., 5421, replaced for the town.

"**5421.** The nomination of candidates at a general election shall be held on the second Wednesday of May from noon to two o'clock in the afternoon. If such day is a holiday, it shall be held on the first juridical day following such date, and during the same hours." Date of nominations.

27. Article 5450 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is replaced, for the town, by the following: R. S., 5450, replaced for the town.

"**5450.** The polls shall be opened at the hour of nine of the clock in the forenoon, and kept open until seven of the clock in the afternoon of the same day; and each deputy returning-officer, shall, during that time, in the polling-station assigned to him, receive, in the manner hereinafter prescribed, the votes of the electors duly qualified to vote at such polling-station." Hours of voting.

28. The following article is added, for the town, after article 5450 of the Revised Statutes, 1909; R. S., 5450a, enacted for the town.

"**5450a.** All manufacturing establishments shall be closed from noon to two o'clock in the afternoon on the day of the poll for municipal elections in the said town, and, during this time, workmen, artisans and employees shall have precedence in voting." Certain establishments to be closed.

29. Article 5460 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is replaced, for the town, by the following: R. S., 5460, replaced for the town.

"**5460.** Immediately after the ballot-box is locked, as above provided, the deputy returning-officer shall, at nine o'clock precisely, call upon the electors to vote." Calling upon voters to vote.

The deputy returning-officer shall secure the admittance of every elector into the polling-station, and shall see that he is not impeded or molested at or about the polling-station." Voters not to be impeded.

30. Article 5478 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is replaced, for the town, by the following: R. S., 5478, amended for the town.

"**5478.** In case, through accident or irresistible force, riot, removal of documents, or other cause of a similar nature, the nomination could not be had, or the polling could not commence at the hour fixed, or was interrupted by similar causes before being closed, the returning-officer and the deputy returning-officer, in so far as it concerns either, shall adjourn to the following day to Proceedings if nomination or polling could not be held on day fixed.

recommence the proceedings, and day by day, if necessary, until the nomination of candidates can be freely held; and, in the case of the polling, it shall be resumed by commencing at nine o'clock in the forenoon until it has lasted ten hours, so that all the electors who wish to vote may have the opportunity of so doing."

R. S., 5479, amended for the town. **31.** The first paragraph of article 5479 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is replaced, for the town, by the following:

Closing of poll. **"5479.** At seven o'clock the poll and the voting shall be closed; and an entry thereof shall be made in the poll-book."

R. S., 5556, replaced for the town. **32.** Article 5556 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is replaced, for the town, by the following:

Where sittings of council are held. **"5556.** The council shall hold its first and subsequent sittings at the place where the sittings of the council of the village of Ste. Thérèse de Blainville were usually held, until another place within the limits of the municipality be fixed by resolution, which the council may change in the same manner and whenever it thinks fit."

R. S., 5557, replaced for the town. **33.** Article 5557 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is replaced, for the town, by the following:

Where sittings to be held. **"5557.** The council shall meet at least once a month, in general or ordinary session, to despatch the business of the municipality, and shall hold its sessions on the days and at the hours which it determines by by-law."

R. S., 5613, replaced for the town. **34.** Article 5613 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is replaced, for the town, by the following:

Who may demand poll. **"5613.** Six electors, who are owners of immoveable property and qualified to form part of such meeting, may require that a poll be held to ascertain whether the by-law is approved or not. Upon such requisition, the mayor or other person presiding shall, within the following eight days, fix a day for the poll."

R. S., 5615, replaced for the town. **35.** Article 5615 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is replaced, for the town, by the following:

Open for one day between certain hours. **"5615.** The poll shall be held on one juridical day, from eight o'clock in the morning until five o'clock in the afternoon."

R. S., 5646, replaced for the town. **36.** Article 5646 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is replaced, for the town, by the following:

Construc- **"5646.** Without prejudice to rights acquired by an

exclusive privilege granted to the Blainville Waterworks Company, the municipality may construct and maintain, and acquire by mutual agreement, or by expropriation in the event only of the said Blainville Waterworks Company consenting thereto, in and beyond its limits for a distance of twenty miles, the waterworks, together with all appurtenances and accessories, the construction whereof is determined under article 5645 and the said privilege; improve, alter or remove the water-works, or part thereof; change the site of the hydraulic wheels, engines or source of supply thereof; and construct and maintain all buildings, wheels, engines, reservoirs, basins and other works necessary to convey water.

This article shall not affect the rights now possessed by the corporation of the Petit Seminaire of Ste. Thérèse, respecting the operation of its private waterworks for the exclusive needs of the corporation of the Petit Seminaire, which said corporation shall pay nothing, as it uses its own waterworks."

37. The town is authorized, on a by-law approved by the majority in number and value of the electors who are proprietors who have voted, to acquire, construct, maintain and operate manufactories for the production of electric light and power, as well as the material necessary for this purpose, for the use of the public and for individuals and corporations, and to supply and sell light and motive power in its limits and in the neighboring localities. For such purpose it may acquire, own and operate any water-power, property, right of way, servitude or usufruct within a radius of thirty miles on all sides except the south, where it shall exercise such rights only as far as the south shore of the river des Prairies, and acquire, by means of expropriation if necessary, any property for the construction, operation and administration of the manufactory, the right of way for the said operating, the right of way for its poles or conduits; but where its poles or conduits have to be placed on a public road, the town shall first obtain the consent of the municipalities which have the control of such roads.

The provisions of articles 7581 and following of the Revised Statutes, 1909, shall apply to all expropriations made under this section.

38. The following paragraph is added for the town after paragraph 2 of article 5679 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, to wit:

"3. To regulate the slaughtering of cattle on private

tion of
waterworks
by town,
&c.

Certain
acquired
rights.

Municipal
plant for
electric
light, power,
&c.

R. S., 5679,
am. for the
town.

Slaughtering
of cattle.

properties or by private individuals, and to indicate the place where such slaughtering may be done."

R. S., 5684,
am. for the
town.

Persons
injured at
fires, &c.

39. Paragraph 2 of article 5684 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is replaced, for the town, by the following:

"2. To relieve any person who has received any wound or contracted any sickness at a fire; to aid the poor and indigent;"

R. S., 5684,
am. for the
town.

Advertising,
&c.

40. The following paragraph is added in article 5684 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, for the town, after paragraph 9, to wit:

"10. The council may authorize by resolution the expenditure, out of the revenues of the town, of any sum it may deem necessary and useful for advertising and making the advantages of the town known, and also for paying the cost of any official reception it may deem necessary to have, and also of the delegations which it may deem advisable to send."

R. S., 5729,
am. for the
town.

Certain
proprietors,
&c., liable
for certain
taxes, &c.

41. Paragraph 2 of article 5729 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is replaced, for the town, by the following:

"2. The proprietors, lessees or occupants of immoveables mentioned in sub-paragraphs *c, d* and *e* of paragraph 1 are nevertheless liable for the work of maintenance of roads in front of their property; the same applies to work on bridges and watercourses, line ditches and line fences connected with such lands.

Other
purposes for
which such
properties
are taxable.

Such properties are also taxable for public light, for the purchase and maintenance of fire apparatus, and for the water consumed; they are also taxable for the opening of streets or roads, bridges and watercourses, providing such work of opening such roads, bridges and watercourses is connected with such immoveables. For the purposes of this paragraph, the real value alone of the land shall be considered in establishing the taxes to be levied on such immoveables."

Special
taxes.

42. The council may impose and levy, from time to time, upon the immoveables it may consider likely to benefit thereby, the special taxes it may deem necessary for improvements and works, having in its opinion a local interest, such taxes being proportionate to the frontage of the said properties; provided that the majority in number and in value of the proprietors thereof, request such local improvements and works by petition to the council. After such improvements have been made or such works completed, the town shall maintain them at its own expense.

43. In addition to the powers granted it by The Cities and Towns' Act, the council may also impose and levy an annual tax upon all telegraph, telephone, electric light or power poles in the streets, roads and public squares of the town, provided such tax does not exceed twenty-five cents per annum for each pole. Such tax shall be recoverable from such owners of poles, and shall be due for all such poles existing in the town, except telegraph poles on the property of railway companies, and used by them.

44. The first paragraph of article 5775 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is replaced for the town by the following:

"5775. Subject to articles 5929 and following, the council may, by a resolution, exempt from municipal taxes, for a period not exceeding twenty years, any person, commercial or joint stock company, whether already existing or projected, carrying on or proposing to carry on any industry, trade or enterprise, in the town, or agree with such person or such commercial or joint stock company, whether already existing or projected, for a fixed sum of money, payable annually, for any period not exceeding twenty years, in commutation of all municipal taxes."

45. Article 5779 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, as replaced by the act 4 George V, chapter 49, section 2, is again replaced, for the town, by the following:

"5779. The council may contract such loan by the issue of bonds or debentures under the signature of the mayor and countersigned by the secretary-treasurer, and the seal of the municipality.

Such bonds or debentures shall be made payable to the bearer at the date fixed by the council, with interest at the rate of not more than six per cent, payable half-yearly, and they may, until finally disposed of, be pledged as security if the market is not deemed advantageous, without their validity being affected thereby. When the sinking-fund amounts to two thousand dollars or more, the town is authorized to redeem from the holders, at market rates, each of its bonds for sale on the market, and to publish notices to that effect."

46. Article 5797 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is replaced, for the town, by the following:

"5797. 1. Before proceeding, the arbitrators shall take oath to faithfully and impartially perform the duties of their office before the clerk of the town, who shall keep such oath in the archives of the council.

Secretary. The arbitrators shall appoint a secretary, whose salary shall be fixed by them and shall form part of the cost of the arbitration; the secretary's duties shall be to take notes in writing of all proceedings and of the proof produced by the parties in cases before the arbitrators, and do everything he is ordered to do by them.

Notice of sitting. 2. The arbitrators shall proceed at the time and place fixed by them, and they shall give at least ten days notice to the parties interested.

Award. The arbitrators, after having examined and valued the immoveable and heard the parties and their witnesses under oath administered by one of them, if they deem expedient, shall give their award by means of a certificate signed by them or by the majority of them, and which they shall deposit in the office of the council.

Award final. Such award shall be final and without appeal."

Lands under cultivation. **47.** Inasmuch as there are lands under cultivation within the limits of the town, the provisions of the municipal code of this province and its amendments shall apply to such lands as regards the establishment and maintenance of water-courses, ditches, line fences, clearances and other works rendered necessary or useful in the working of such lands; and the town shall be bound to appoint the necessary officers.

Coming into force. **48.** This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction.

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An Act to amend the charter of the town of Magog

[Assented to 22nd December, 1916]

Preamble. **W**HEREAS the corporation of the town of Magog has, by its petition, represented: that it is in the public interest and in that of the proper administration of its affairs to amend its charter, the act 53 Victoria, chapter 79, and the various acts amending the same, in order to modify, in the manner and for the purposes hereinafter set forth, certain provisions governing it and granting it more ample powers, and especially to authorize it to consolidate its floating debt, amounting approximatively to \$100,000.00, and which was contracted for permanent municipal works;

Whereas it is expedient to grant the prayer to that effect contained in the said petition;