

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.

CHAP. 74

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;

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

1. Section 19 of the act 53 Victoria, chapter 79, as 53 Vict., c. replaced by the act 1 George V (1st session), chapter 60, 79, s. 19, am. section 1, is amended by adding thereto the following paragraph, to wit:

"5. A tax called "business tax", upon all trades, manufac- ^{Business} tures, occupations, business, arts, professions or means of ^{tax.} profit or livelihood which are now or may hereafter be plied, practised or carried on by any persons or companies in the town; provided such tax shall not exceed eight per cent of the annual value of the premises in which any such trade, manufacture, occupation, business, art, profession, means of profit or livelihood, is plied, practised or carried on, and such tax shall in no case exceed two hundred dollars per annum."

2. Section 20 of the act 53 Victoria, chapter 79, as Id., s. 20, replaced by the act 60 Victoria, chapter 68, section 9, is repealed. repealed.

3. Section 3 of the act 3 George V, chapter 60, is amend- ^{3 Geo. V., c. 60, s. 3, am.} ed by adding thereto the following paragraph, to wit:

"k. Article 5735 and the following articles, to article 5745, inclusive."

4. The town of Magog is specially authorized to bor- ^{Loan} row an amount of one hundred thousand dollars, to be ^{authorized.} exclusively appropriated to the payment of its floating debt.

Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the council ^{Bond issue.} is authorized to effect such loan by means of bonds or debentures of the town issued under a by-law, and for such periods and on such conditions as shall be determined.

The by-law authorizing the loan shall impose a special ^{Special tax} annual tax sufficient to pay the annual interest and a ^{for interest} sinking-fund of at least one per cent until the debt be ^{and sinking-fund.} extinguished.

Such loan shall affect for so much the borrowing powers granted by law to the town of Magog.

Such loan shall not be subject to articles 5782, 5783, ^{Provisions} 5784 and 5788 of the Revised Statutes, 1909. ^{not applic- 1} ^{able.}

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