

Sect. 2.—Bordeaux Ward shall contain hereafter in addition to what it already contains, the portions of territories described in Section 1, for all municipal purposes.

Sect. 3.—All by-laws or parts of by-laws inconsistent with this by-law, are hereby repealed and annulled.

Sect. 4.—This by-law shall come into force only after it has been ratified by the Legislature of Quebec.

(Certified)

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Asst. City Clerk

CHAP. 90

An Act to amend and consolidate the charter of the city of Three Rivers.

[Assented to 5th March, 1915]

Preamble.

WHEREAS the city of Three Rivers has, by its petition, represented that it is in the interest of the ratepayers and of the proper administration of its affairs to revise and consolidate the provisions of the various acts of the Legislature of the Province of Quebec relating to the corporation of the city of Three Rivers, and to grant certain powers to the said corporation; that it is also in the interest of the ratepayers to consolidate and revise the powers of the school commissioners for the city of Three Rivers, and to ratify a by-law ratifying a loan of one hundred and sixty-five thousand dollars to enable the said commissioners to pay certain debts contracted for building new school houses and in purchasing the necessary grounds for such purposes;

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

SECTION I

INTERPRETATIVE PROVISIONS

Definition.
"Taxes".

1. The words "taxes" or "municipal taxes" mean and include all taxes and contributions in money imposed by

the city council, including taxes for water, drainage, paving and the streets under control.

2. This act may be cited under the name of "The charter Short title of the city of Three Rivers".

3. The city of Three Rivers shall in future be subject Provisions to the provisions of the Cities and Towns' Act, except applicable. in so far as they may be inconsistent with the provisions of this act.

SECTION II

ORGANIZATION OF THE CITY

1.—*Incorporation.*

4. The inhabitants and ratepayers of the city of Three Name. Rivers and their successors shall continue to be a municipal corporation under the name of "The Corporation of the City of Three Rivers."

2.—*City limits.*

5. The territory of the city of Three Rivers is bounded Territory. as follows:

In front by the river St. Lawrence; in rear by a line parallel to the general course of the said river at a distance of one hundred and sixty chains from the western point of the mouth of the river St. Maurice; on the east side by the east bank of the said river St. Maurice; and on the west side by a line at a right angle to the depth starting from a point on such line at a distance of one hundred and sixty chains from the west bank of the said river St. Maurice, until it touches the said river St. Lawrence, including the islands in the said river St. Maurice which are comprised in the said boundaries.

3.—*Division of the city into wards.*

6. The city of Three Rivers shall be divided into four Division into wards respectively called: St. Philippe ward, St. Louis wards. ward, Ste. Ursule ward and Notre Dame ward, and the said wards shall be bounded as follows:

St. Philippe ward.—St. Philippe ward shall be bounded in front by the river St. Lawrence; on the southwest and in rear by the city limits; on the northeast by the rear line of the lots on the northeast side of Bell street and of

St. George street, to Boivin street, and thence by the said Boivin street to Des Forges street, and by the said Des Forges street to the Ste. Marguerite road to the point where such road is intersected by the line dividing the common from the land of J. N. Bureau, esquire, and thence following the said line prolonged to the northwestern limits of the said city;

St. Louis Ward.—St. Louis ward shall be bounded in front by the river St. Lawrence; on the southwest by St. Philippe ward; in rear by the city limits, and on the northeast by a line starting from the river St. Lawrence, passing by the middle of Des Casernes street and Bonaventure street, and by the street running along the cemetery on the northeast, and thence following a line which would be the prolongation of the said street to the northwestern limits of the city;

Ste. Ursule Ward.—Ste. Ursule ward shall be bounded in front by the river St. Lawrence; on the southwest by St. Louis ward; on the northwest by a line running in the middle of Royal street from Bonaventure to Des Champs street, by the rear line of the lots northwest of Haut-Boc street, and by a line running in the middle of Commissioners street, and continuing in a straight line to the east bank of the river St. Maurice;

Notre Dame Ward.—Notre Dame ward shall be bounded on the south and southwest by St. Louis ward; on the northwest and northeast by the city limits; and on the southeast by Ste. Ursule ward.

4.—Annexation of new territory.

R. S. 5286,
replaced for
the city.

Limits may
be extended
by by-laws.

Contents of
by-law, &c.

7. Article 5286 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is replaced, for the city, by the following:

“**5286.** The council, by the affirmative vote of the majority of its members, may make by-laws to extend the limits of the city by annexing thereto, for municipal purposes, in whole or in part, any contiguous city, town, village or municipality, or any land immediately adjacent or contiguous to the city limits, if, in the latter case, the owner of such land makes application therefor to the council.

Every such by-law shall contain a complete description of the territory to be annexed, and shall set forth the terms and conditions upon which it shall be so annexed, and shall determine whether the territory so annexed shall form a ward by itself, or be wholly or in part annexed to any existing ward or wards of the city.”

5.—*Council, mayor, aldermen and committees of the council.*

8. Article 5300 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is replaced, for the city, by the following: R. S. 5300, replaced for the city.

“5300. The city council shall be composed of a mayor and six aldermen.” Composition of council.

9. Articles 5301 and 5302 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, are replaced, for the city, by the following: R. S. 5301 and 5302, replaced for the city.

“5301. The mayor and aldermen shall be elected for four years by the majority of the municipal electors of the city who have voted. Term of office of mayor and aldermen.

Nevertheless, the election of three aldermen shall take place every two years in turn as their term of office expires. Proviso.

The present mayor shall continue in office until the elections in 1917, and the aldermen until the elections in 1915. Mayor to continue in office.

Thirty days at least before nomination day, the mayor shall have a drawing by lot at a regular session of the council. The three aldermen designated by lot shall be replaced at the elections in 1915, but their seats shall not be vacant until the general or special session following the elections in 1915. The three other aldermen in office and not designated by lot shall continue in office until the general or special session following the elections in 1917. They shall be replaced at the general elections in 1917. The same shall apply every second year in the future to the aldermen whose term of office shall expire according to article 5303.” Drawing by lot re aldermen.

10. Article 5309 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is replaced, for the city, by the following. R. S. 5309, replaced for the city.

“5309. If the office of mayor becomes vacant, the clerk shall, within eight days after such vacancy, call a meeting of the council for the purpose of fixing the day for the nomination of a candidate for that office, and for the election in case of contestation. Such election shall take place within thirty days after the vacancy. Vacancy in office of mayor or how filled.

At such meeting the council may appoint a returning-officer other than the clerk if it deems it expedient.

The council may also, with the same effect, fix the nomination and polling day at the session at which the resignation of the mayor is accepted.

Ten days at least before the day fixed for the nomination, the returning-officer, by a commission under his hand, according to form E, shall appoint an election clerk and give the notice prescribed by article 5419 and drawn up according to form G.

As to the remainder, the nomination and election shall be held in the manner prescribed for the general elections, and the persons elected shall remain in office until the expiration of the term of office of the persons they have replaced."

R. S. 5310,
replaced for
the city.

Appoint-
ment of
acting-mayor
and his
powers.

11. Article 5310 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is replaced, for the city, by the following:

"**5310.** At its first session after the general elections, and afterwards every six months, the council shall elect one of its members as acting-mayor, to have and exercise all the powers vested by law in the mayor, whenever the mayor may be absent from the municipality, or unable to discharge the duties of his office."

R. S. 5314,
replaced for
the city.

Vacancy in
office of ald-
erman.

12. Article 5314 of the Revised Statutes, 1909 is replaced, for the city, by the following:

"**5314.** If any vacancy occurs in the office of alderman, the mayor shall, within eight days after such vacancy, call a meeting of the council for the purpose of choosing a person qualified to fill such office during the remainder of the term of office of the alderman he will replace."

R. S. 5317,
replaced for
the city.

Services
gratuitous.

13. Article 5317 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, as amended by the act 3 George V, chapter 40, section 1, is replaced, for the city, by the following:

"**5317.** The mayor and aldermen shall not be remunerated for their services. Nevertheless, the council may grant the mayor a suitable amount yearly to meet his expenses as representative, or for receptions, special proceedings and other expenses imposed on him through his position of unpaid head of the council, provided such amount does not exceed five hundred dollars."

Exception.

6.—*Officers of the Council.*

R. S. 5325,
replaced for
the city.

Security
from em-
ployees.

14. Article 5325 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is replaced, for the city, by the following:

"**5325.** The council may require of all persons employed by it, such security as it may deem sufficient to secure the complete and faithful execution of their duties.

Such security may be replaced by an insurance policy of a guarantee company having an office in the Province of Quebec, and specially authorized to do business therein under the Quebec Insurance Act."

15. Articles 5358 and 5359 of the Revised Statutes, R. S. 5358 and 5359, 1909, are replaced, for the city, by the following: replaced for the city.

"5358. The council shall appoint one or two officers the city. called "City Auditors", who shall remain in office until Auditors. replaced.

"5359. The auditor or auditors shall, at the end of the Duties. fiscal year, and oftener if required, make an examination of and report respecting all accounts entered in the council's books, or relating to any subject falling within the jurisdiction of the council.

They shall compile the said report and make out the city's Contents of balance sheet, at the end of the year. They shall have such report. report and balance sheet printed in book form for the rate-payers' information.

It shall also be their duty to audit and approve or disapprove the accounts.

They shall publish a detailed statement of the receipts, Statement. expenditure and revenues of the council during the year, in the French and English languages in one or more newspapers of the city.

The council or mayor may at any time have the city's Examination and audit. accounts examined and audited by one or more competent persons other than the auditors.

Article 5363, as replaced by this act, shall not apply to Provisions not applicable. such persons."

SECTION III

PERSONS QUALIFIED AND DISQUALIFIED FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICE

16. Article 5363 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is re- R. S. 5363, placed, for the city, by the following: replaced for the city.

"5363. The following persons cannot be nominated Disqualifications. nor elected to the office of mayor or alderman, nor be appointed to, nor fill any other municipal office:

1. Aliens;
2. Minors;
3. Persons in holy orders, and the ministers of any religious denomination;
4. The judges or magistrates receiving emoluments from the Federal or local governments or from the municipality;
5. Officers on full pay of His Majesty's army or navy;
6. Whosoever has, directly or indirectly, by himself or his partner, any contract or agreement or an interest in any contract with the city; nevertheless, a shareholder in an

incorporated company which has any contract or agreement with the municipality, or which receives a bonus or subsidy therefrom, is not disqualified from acting as a member of the council; but he shall be deemed to be interested if any discussion should arise before the council or a committee with reference to any measure relating to such company;

7. Whosoever cannot read or write fluently, even though he can read, print or write his name, or do both;

8. Any person convicted of treason or of any criminal offence punishable by imprisonment for at least two years;

9. Whenever the office of mayor or alderman is in question: (a) persons who have not resided nor had their principal place of business in the city for at least twelve months previous to the election or nomination; (b) persons who are responsible for moneys belonging to the city, or who are sureties for any employee of the council, or who receive any pecuniary or other consideration from the city for their services."

R. S. 5368,
par. 3, re-
placed for
the city.

17. Paragraph 3 of article 5368 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is replaced, for the city, by the following:

Tenants.

"3. Every male person, and every widow or spinster, being a resident householder in the city under a lease, whose name is entered on the valuation and collection roll in force, as tenant of a dwelling-house or part of a dwelling-house, of the value of two hundred dollars or upwards, or of the annual value of twenty dollars or upwards, according to such roll:"

R. S. 5372,
replaced for
the city.

18. Article 5372 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is replaced, for the city, by the following:

Persons not
entitled to
be entered
on list.

"**5372.** The following persons shall not be entitled to have their names entered on the electors' list:

1. Persons who are no longer in possession as proprietors of the property on which they were qualified when the list was made;

2. Persons who are guests or lodgers in a hotel, boarding-house or private dwelling, and not otherwise qualified;

3. Tenants who, at the time of the revision of the electors' list, are no longer householders in the city, and also tenants of any office, qualified as such, who have not actually occupied such office, since the month of May next preceding, or who have ceased occupying the same at the time of the revision of the electors' list."

SECTION IV.

LIST OF ELECTORS

1.—Preparation, examination, and putting into force of the list of electors.

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

"5374. Prior to the first of May of each year when general elections are to be held under this charter, there shall be prepared by the clerk, or under his direction, in the manner hereinafter mentioned, a list for the city of the names of persons entered on the valuation roll as well as on the collection roll of the city, and qualified to be entered in the electors' list." When electors' list to be prepared.

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

"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 the persons who either are or who may become deceased, and of all others who are not entitled to have their names entered in such list. Names to be omitted.

During the month of April, 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. Articles 5377 and 5380 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, are replaced, for the city, by the following: R. S. 5377 & 5380, replaced for the city.

"5377. The clerk, in preparing the electors' list of the city, shall divide it into as many polling districts as there are two hundred electors for each, adding a district for every fraction of that number. Subdivision into polling districts.

The districts must contain an equal number of electors, as far as possible.

The electors' lists for all the districts shall be considered to be the list of electors for the whole city in every election held under this chapter or the charter."

SECTION V

ELECTIONS

1.—*Date of the elections.*

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

22. Article 5413 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is replaced, for the city, by the following:

When general elections are held.

“5413. The election for the mayor of the city shall be held every four years, and that to replace aldermen going out of office shall be held every two years, on the third Monday of July, in accordance with the provisions hereinafter contained. If the third Monday of July is a non-juridical day the election shall be held on the next juridical day.”

2.—*Election officers.*

R. S. 5414 and 5415, replaced for the city.

23. Articles 5414 and 5415 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, are replaced, for the city, by the following:

Clerk to be returning-officer.

“5414. The city clerk shall act as returning-officer for the elections to be held under this act or the charter, and, in applying the different articles relating to elections to be held under their provisions, the words: “returning-officer” shall mean the city clerk or the person appointed to perform such duties instead of the clerk.

Other person. The council may appoint another person instead of the clerk as returning-officer, but such appointment must be made at least one month before the voting.

Mayor may appoint competent person. If the returning-officer refuses, or is forbidden or unable to act as such before the appointment of the election clerk, under article 5415, the mayor shall, by a commission under his hand, appoint a competent person as returning-officer.

Appointment of election clerk. **“5415.** Ten days at least before that fixed for the nomination, at noon, 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.”

3.—*Notice of the election by the returning-officer.*

R. S. 5419, replaced.

24. Article 5419 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is replaced, for the city, by the following:

Notice of **“5419.** Eight days at least before the nomination day,

the returning-officer shall give public notice, in the form G, election to be under his signature, setting forth: given by returning-officer.

a. The place, day and hour fixed for the nomination of officer. 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."

4.—*Nomination of Candidates.*

25. Article 5421 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is re- R. S. 5421, placed, for the city, by the following: replaced for the city.

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

5.—*Voting.*

26. Article 5450 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is re- R. S. 5450, placed, for the city, by the following: replaced for the city.

"**5450.** The polls shall be opened at the hour of nine of the clock in the forenoon, and kept open until five of the clock in the afternoon, of the same day. 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 for polling.

27. Article 5460 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is re- R. S. 5460, placed, for the city, by the following: replaced for the city.

"**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.

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.

28. Article 5473 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is re- R. S. 5473, placed, for the city, by the following: replaced for the city.

"**5473.** No one may vote more than once at any election in the city for the election of the mayor or aldermen." Voting more than once forbidden.

29. Paragraph 6 of the form of oath or affirmation R. S. 5462,

par. 6, re-
placed.

enacted by article 5462 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is replaced, for the city, by the following:

“6. Have you already voted to-day at this election for alderman at this or any other poll in the municipality?”.

6.—*Close of the voting.*

R. S. 5479,
replaced for
the city.

30. Article 5479 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is replaced, for the city, by the following:

Close of poll.

“**5479.** At five o’clock the poll and the voting shall be closed; and an entry thereof shall be made in the poll-book.

Counting the
ballot-papers.

Immediately thereafter, the deputy-returning-officer shall first place all the spoiled ballots in an envelope and seal it up, and shall then count the number of voters whose names appear on the poll-book as having voted, and make an entry thereof on the line immediately below the name of the voter who voted last, thus:—*The number of electors who voted at this election in this polling-division is (stating the number)*, and shall sign his name thereto; then, in the presence of and in full view of the poll-clerk and the candidates or their agents, and, if the candidates and their agents or any of them be absent, then in presence of such, if any, of them as are present, and of at least three electors, he shall open the ballot-box and proceed to count the number of votes given for each candidate, giving full opportunity to those present to examine each ballot.

Rejecting the
ballots.

In counting the votes he shall reject all ballot-papers which have not been supplied by the deputy-returning-officer, all those by which more than one vote has been given, in the case of ballots for the mayor, all those by which more than three votes have been given in the case of ballots for aldermen, all those upon which there is any writing or mark by which the voter could be identified, other than the numbering by the deputy-returning-officer in the cases hereinafter provided for, all those left in blank, or null on account of uncertainty, and all other ballot-papers which may have been presented to him and which do not have his initials thereon, saving the case of article 5480.”

R. S. 5485,
replaced by
the city.

31. Article 5485 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is replaced, for the city, by the following:

Addition of
votes by
returning-
officer.

“**5485.** 1. The returning-officer, at the place, day and hour appointed by the public notice under article 5435, and after having received all the ballot-boxes, shall proceed to open them, in the presence of the election-clerk, of the candidates or their representatives if present, or of two

electors at least if the candidates or their representatives are not present, and to add together the number of votes given for each candidate, from the statements contained in the several ballot-boxes returned by the deputy-returning-officers.

2. The candidate for the office of mayor who, on the addition of the votes, is found to have a majority of votes, shall then be declared elected. Declaration thereupon.

3. The three candidates for the office of alderman, who, on the addition of the votes, have obtained the most votes, shall be declared elected aldermen of the city." Idem.

7.—*Judicial proceedings in connection with elections.*

32. Article 5542 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is replaced, for the city, by the following: R. S. 5542, replaced for the city.

"5542. Every action or prosecution brought in virtue of the portion of this chapter relating to elections, shall be instituted within thirty days next after the public notice of the election of the candidate, for offences committed up to that date, and within thirty days from their commission in the case of subsequent offences, and not later, unless the defendant has, by absconding, withdrawn himself from the jurisdiction of the court. Prescription of actions.

Such action or prosecution, once begun, shall be continued and prosecuted without wilful delays, and shall have precedence." Continuation of proceedings.

SECTION VI

CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS

33. Article 5548 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is replaced, for the city, by the following: R. S. 5548, replaced for the city.

"5548. Such petition shall set forth in a succinct manner the time, place and circumstances of any act, matter or thing material to the conclusions of such petition. Every charge of bribery shall be supported by special affidavits clearly specifying the time and place where it was committed, and the names of the persons who committed it, so as to at once put the defendant on his guard. All general and vague allegations shall be dismissed by the court on a notice being filed to that effect. Contents of petition. To be supported by affidavit.

If the judge is satisfied with the sufficiency of the petition and affidavits, he shall cause a writ to be issued summoning the person returned as being elected to appear on a day named therein to answer the said petition.

No such petition shall be received after the expiry of Delay for

receiving
petition.

thirty days from the polling day for such election, or, if no poll was held, after the expiry of thirty days from the day of nomination."

SECTION VII

SESSIONS OF THE COUNCIL.

R. S. 5557,
replaced for
the city.

34. Article 5557 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is replaced, for the city, by the following:

When meet-
ings of coun-
cil are 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 day and at the hours which it determines by by-law."

R. S. 5561,
replaced for
the city.

35. Article 5561 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is replaced, for the city, by the following:

Special meet-
ing called by
mayor.

"5561. The mayor may call a special session of the council when and as often as he may deem proper; such session may be called upon verbal or written intimation from the mayor to the clerk of the municipality, who thereupon shall summarily issue a notice of meeting, specifying the business to be transacted at such session, and shall cause a copy of such notice to be served or sent by registered mail to every member, at his domicile or place of business, at least twenty-four hours prior to such session; and the mailing of a registered notice twenty-four hours before such session, shall be deemed equivalent to service of such notice."

Notice
thereof.

SECTION VIII

POWERS OF THE COUNCIL

1.—*By-laws of the council.*

R. S. 5595,
replaced for
the city.

36. Article 5595 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is replaced, for the city, by the following:

Notice of
presentation
of by-law

"5595. No by-law can be introduced unless it be preceded by a notice given to the council at least eight days before the session of the council at which the by-law is introduced. Such notice shall summarily state the nature of the by-law to be proposed.

Number of
times to be
read.

The council may determine by by-law the number of times a by-law must be read before being passed."

2.—Approval of by-laws by owners of immoveable property.

37. Articles 5612 and 5613 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, are replaced, for the city, by the following: R. S. 5612 and 5613, replaced for the city.

"5612. If, after the by-law is read, a poll is not demanded either by twenty-five electors present at the meeting, or by a like number of electors who have signed a written demand filed with the clerk at or prior to such meeting, the by-law shall be deemed adopted, and report thereof shall be made to the council by the person presiding and the clerk."If no poll demanded within certain time, by-law approved.

"5613. If a poll is demanded, under the foregoing article, a report shall be made to the council by the person presiding at the meeting, and by the clerk, who shall counter-sign such report. If a poll is demanded it shall be held on a day fixed by the council. It shall be announced by a public notice signed by the clerk at least eight days before the day fixed."If poll is demanded.

Before the council fixes a polling day, the clerk shall make out a list of the electors who are owners of immoveables in alphabetical order showing, opposite each name, the total valuation of the immoveables held by such owner in the city. Such list shall be made, deposited, examined and revised in the same manner and with the same delays as the municipal electoral list."List of owners of immoveables.

38. Article 5615 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is replaced, for the city, by the following: R. S. 5615, replaced for the city.

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

39. Articles 5617 and 5618 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, are replaced, for the city, by the following: R. S. 5617 and 5618, replaced for the city.

"5617. Each elector shall present himself in his turn at the poll and give his vote by "yea" or "nay", the word "yea" meaning that he approves of the by-law, and the word "nay" that he disapproves of it. Voting.

The name of the elector and the vote given by him, and the total value of his immoveables as mentioned in the list, shall be entered in a special book, called the "poll-book," kept for the purpose. Entry in poll-book.

The clerk may take assistants for recording the votes, if the number of electors is large enough. Clerk may have assistants.

In the latter case, there may be several poll-books, and the total number of poll-books shall constitute the poll-book mentioned in this article."More than one poll-book.

Right to
vote.

"5618. No one shall be allowed to vote unless his name appears on the above-mentioned list of electors who are owners of immoveables."

Companies
may vote in
certain case.

Companies owning immoveables liable to general or special taxes of a sufficient value according to this article, shall have the right to vote through their duly authorized agents or attorneys, provided they give the names of such agents or attorneys to the city clerk at least five days before the day fixed for the polling."

3.—*Power to make certain by-laws.*

R. S. 5638,
par. 13, re-
placed for
the city.
Dogs.

40. Paragraph 13 of article 5638 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is replaced, for the city, by the following:

"13. To license and regulate the keeping of dogs; to muzzle dogs; to kill dogs or other vicious animals; to prevent dogs from running at large, and to authorize the summary destruction of such dogs or of those whose owners have no license for them;".

R. S. 5639,
par. 5, re-
placed for
the city.
Dairies, &c.

41. Paragraph 5 of article 5639 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is replaced, for the city, by the following:

"5. To provide for the inspection of milk, and to prohibit the use, sale, and exposure for sale of milk which is unhealthy, infected with germs of disease or otherwise dangerous to health, and to authorize the seizure and confiscation thereof; to inspect and regulate dairies, stables, and cow-sheds situate within or without the city, whence the milk sold in the city comes; to inspect and regulate the premises in which milk is sold; to compel milkmen selling milk in the city to employ the methods of transport and treatment of milk most suitable for protecting it against contamination and to ensure the purity thereof; to grant licenses to milkmen selling milk in the city; to refuse such licenses to milkmen who do not comply with the law or the by-laws of the city respecting milk, as well as those of the Board of Health of the Province, and to suspend or annul such licenses for infractions of the law and by-laws, in addition to any other penalty; to order that licenses to sell milk in the city shall be granted only after the person applying for the same has given the names of the persons who sell him such milk, and to compel him to produce a certificate that such person's herd has been inspected by the veterinary surgeon appointed by the council, and has undergone the tuberculin test."

R. S. 5641,

42. Paragraphs 1 and 22 of article 5641 of the Revised

Statutes, 1909, are replaced, for the city, by the following: pars. 1 and 22, replaced for the city.

"1. Subject to article 5887, to order the opening of new streets, the widening, extension or changing or closing of existing streets, and to prescribe the manner of making or maintaining the streets of the city, to regulate and change their height and level and that of the sidewalks, at the expense of the city or of the proprietors of the adjoining lots, as the council may deem expedient, according to such plans and on such conditions as it may deem advisable; Streets, and their opening, &c.

"22. To remove and abate any nuisance, obstruction and encroachment upon the sidewalks, streets, alleys and public grounds; to permit certain obstructions upon payment of a license, and prevent the encumbering of the same with vehicles, boxes, lumber or any other things; to compel those who have encroached or may encroach on the streets or public grounds of the city by means of houses, fences, buildings or obstacles of any kinds, to remove such encroachments or obstacles, allowing such persons a reasonable delay by the notices; if such persons do not remove the encroachments or obstacles within the specified delay, the council may order the same to be removed, taking sufficient assistance therefor. The council may have the expenses so caused reimbursed to it by the person in default, in the same manner as municipal taxes, allowing a delay of fifteen days after the account for such expenses has been served." Obstruction &c., in streets, &c.

4.—*Waterworks.*

43. The city corporation shall continue to run the Three Rivers waterworks, which it has acquired by a contract at a prior date, and to enjoy all the rights, powers and privileges acknowledged as belonging to it by sections 82 and 83 of the act 38 Victoria, chapter 76, as purchaser of the rights, powers and privileges of the Three Rivers Waterworks Company. City to continue to run waterworks.

44. Article 5645 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is replaced, for the city, by the following: R. S. 5645, replaced for the city.

"**5645.** The council may itself, or through other persons or companies, continue to keep the said waterworks in operation, and may improve or enlarge it, or construct a new waterworks; it may make, amend and repeal by-laws to provide for the establishment, maintenance, management and regulation of water-works, public wells, cisterns or reservoirs, to supply water to the Establishment, &c., of waterworks.

municipality, and to establish and regulate hydrants, fountains, and public drinking places."

R. S. 5651,
replaced for
the city.

Tax for
constructing
waterworks,
&c.

Investment
of sinking-
fund.

Penalty for
using water
without con-
sent of city.

Water rates
to be privi-
leged debts.

City may
acquire and
construct
plants for
water, power
and gas, by
by-law.

Such plants
may be out-
side city
limits.

45. Article 5651 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is replaced, for the city, by the following:

"5651. The council may, by by-law, in order to meet the interest on the sums expended in the construction of waterworks, public wells, cisterns or reservoirs, and to establish a sinking fund, impose on all the owners or occupants of lots not built upon, houses, shops or other buildings, an annual special tax at a rate to be fixed by it, on the assessed value of each house, shop or other building, including the land.

The sinking-fund created by virtue of this article shall be invested and managed in the same manner as that mentioned in article 5777."

46. Whosoever shall have a private pipe laid down to connect with the city water-mains, or shall use the city's water without its consent, shall be liable to a fine of one hundred dollars, and an additional fine of four dollars, for every day such pipe remains connected with the city's water-mains, the whole payable to the city corporation, and recoverable by it by civil suit before any court of justice of the Province having jurisdiction to such amount.

47. The sums due the council for water supplied to owners or tenants of any land in the city shall be privileged debts against such lands, and may be charged to the owners of any such land, and be levied upon his property, saving the owner's recourse against his tenant, which shall be secured by the lessor's privilege.

5.—*Light and heat.*

48. After a by-law has been approved by the electors who are owners of immoveables, the city shall have the right to acquire and construct water and electric power plants and gas-producing systems, and to operate the same for supplying light, heat and motive power to the inhabitants of the city, and for its own use, and to issue bonds for such purpose.

49. The city shall have power to acquire water or electric power plants outside the city limits, and also to construct and own transmission lines for distributing electricity in the city. The council may make special arrangements along such transmission lines for supplying

light and heat to persons applying for the same, provided they comply with the by-laws passed to that effect.

6.—*Markets.*

50. Paragraphs 3, 6 and 7 of article 5677 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, are replaced, for the city, by the following:

"3. To regulate or prohibit the selling or exposing for sale on the markets or public market places, of any kind of articles or produce, or certain articles in particular; to regulate the selling of meat on the markets in the city; to determine what person shall have the right to sell or offer meat for sale on the said markets; to allow farmers to sell on the said markets, by complying with the by-laws of the city, any kind of meat, either by the carcass or in quarters, or in smaller pieces, and to restrict such permission by imposing the express condition that such meat shall be that of animals raised by the vendor as a farmer on a farm worked by himself, or on the site of his residence at the time of the sale, or owned by him during the time and in the manner determined by the by-laws of the council, or the product of his hunting; to impose all such other restrictions as it may deem expedient.

In all prosecutions for infringement of the provisions of this paragraph or of the by-laws made in virtue thereof, the city corporation shall not be bound to prove that the defendant sold or offered meat for sale, which was not the meat of animals raised on his farm or on the lot owned or possessed by him or the product of his hunting as above prescribed; the burden of proof shall be on the defendant, and the defendant and his wife shall be competent witnesses in any such prosecution.

"6. To impose taxes or licenses upon all persons selling on the market or public market places; to sell by auction the taxes or daily revenues from the markets for a period not exceeding twelve months in the case of each sale.

"7. To establish and maintain public scales, and to collect the revenue thereof; to regulate and determine the manner in which all cord-wood, sawn or building timber, coal, gas, salt, grain, lime, hay and straw and other products brought or sold in the city shall be weighed and measured; to determine in what manner such articles shall be sold and delivered, what dues shall be paid on them, and to compel everybody to comply with the by-laws of the city in connection with such kind of business."

51. Paragraph 2 of article 5680 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is replaced, for the city, by the following:

placed for
the city.
Butchers'
stalls, &c.

"2. To license and regulate butcher's stalls and shops and stands for the sale of game, poultry, meat, fish, fruit and perishable provisions, whether by wholesale or retail on or outside the markets; to define in what the occupation of butcher shall consist, under the terms of this charter and of the city by-laws."

7.—*Sale of liquors.*

Certificates
for licenses.

52. Subject to the provisions of article 1105 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, the council shall alone continue to have the right of granting or delivering certificates for the procuring of inn licenses, any law or custom to the contrary notwithstanding; and such certificates shall be signed by the mayor and clerk of the said council, and be sealed with the common seal of the said council.

By-laws.

53. The council shall have power to make by-laws:

Liquors.

1. For prohibiting and restraining or permitting the sale of any spirituous, vinous, alcoholic or intoxicating liquor;

Shops,
taverns, &c.

2. For regulating and governing all shop-keepers, tavern-keepers, and other persons selling such liquors by retail in any place whatever, in such manner as it may deem expedient or conducive to the prevention of drunkenness.

8.—*Concession of lots in the common.*

Lots and
streets in the
common.

54. The council may make by-laws respecting the granting of lots and the opening of new streets in the city common, on such conditions as it may deem reasonable.

9.—*Aid by the city to certain undertakings.*

By-laws.

55. The council may make, amend and repeal by-laws:

Granting lots
in the com-
mon.

1. To grant or give lots in the city common to promote the establishment of railways, manufactures and industries of all kinds, the building of wharves, and the making of other improvements in connection with the extension of the city's harbour;

Publicity
bureau.

2. *a.* For establishing a publicity bureau for the advantage and progress of the city, or granting aid towards the establishment of such a bureau;

Aid to rail-
ways, &c.

b. For granting aid towards the construction of railways, and electric, telegraph and telephone lines;

c. For granting aid towards the constuction, improve- Aid to gas, ment and maintenance of gas or electric systems of light, &c., com- heat and power; panies.

d. For granting aid towards building a hotel within the Aid to hotel. city limits, of the value of at least one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and containing not less than one hundred and twenty-five bed-rooms;

e. For granting aid to manufacturing establishments, To manufac- navigation companies and electric tramway companies; turing esta- blishments.

f. For granting, to that end, a partial or complete Exemption exemption from taxes for a period not exceeding twenty years, or granting such area of land as the council may deem proper to give, or by taking shares in the companies formed and incorporated for such purpose, or by purchasing or guaranteeing the bonds or debentures of such companies, or by granting exclusive franchises or privileges to such companies for a period not exceeding twenty years, or by making loans to such companies on first hypothec.

Should the council take shares in such companies, it shall select one or more of its members to represent the interests of the city and act as directors in such companies;

3. For aiding scientific, artistic, literary, industrial or To aid va- agricultural societies, religious teaching communities, rious other charitable institutions and hospitals, by giving or lending societies, &c. money for that purpose to societies, communities, institutions, hospitals, persons, companies or associations formed for any of the above objects, or by taking shares in the stock of such companies; provided the amount so appropriated annually shall not exceed the sum of two thousand dollars. When the aid granted exceeds such amount, a by-law to that effect shall be submitted for the approval of the ratepayers who are property-owners, as provided by this charter;

4. a. For establishing autobus circuits for the convey- Autobus ance of persons within the city limits; circuits, f&c.

b. For permitting the establishment of such circuits, subject to the provisions of the Quebec act relating to motor vehicles;

c. For purchasing the interests of persons in such auto- bus circuits;

d. For granting exclusive franchises or privileges for the operation of such circuits, and for exempting them from taxation, wholly or partly, for a period not exceeding ten years;

e. For fixing the number of persons that may be carried in each autobus, plying for the conveyance of passengers;

f. For aiding the building and establishment of tech-

nical schools in the city, and for granting exemption from taxation, or a subsidy not exceeding fifty thousand dollars, for such purpose."

SECTION IX

ST. MAURICE BRIDGES

St. Maurice
bridges.

56. The corporation of the city shall continue to own the toll-bridges, erected over the river St. Maurice, known under the name of "St. Maurice bridges."

Mainten-
ance, &c.

It shall have power, and it shall be its duty, to maintain, repair, improve and rebuild them when necessary, with the city funds, and to make by-laws for such purposes, as well as for the management, use, government, protection, and preservation of the said bridges. But the corporation cannot at any time sell the property in such bridges.

Tariff tolls
for bridges.

57. The council may establish a tariff, and, from time to time, fix the rate of tolls on such bridges, and increase or diminish the same as it may deem advisable. But it cannot, at any time, raise the rates specified below without previously obtaining the approval of the Lieutenant-governor in council:

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| For each vehicle drawn by a horse or an ox, or for each automobile..... | 30cts. |
| For each vehicle drawn by two horses or oxen..... | 35 " |
| For each vehicle drawn by three horses or oxen..... | 45 " |
| For each vehicle drawn by four horses or oxen..... | 55 " |
| For each horse, ox or cow not in draught..... | 5 " |
| For each sheep, pig or calf..... | 2 " |
| For each horse with its rider..... | 10 " |
| For each foot-passenger..... | 5 " |
| For each person with a bicycle..... | 5 " |
| For every electric tramway or other railway car moved by electricity or other motive power, both ways..... | \$3.00 |

The above rates shall cover the passage of persons, animals and vehicles, both ways, over the said bridges.

The council shall have the right to fix rates of toll for passages one way only, and fix special rates or make special contracts with all tramways or car companies moved by electricity, steam or otherwise.

Revenue of
bridges may

58. It shall be lawful for the council, after public notice during one month in a newspaper of the city, to sell

by auction the revenues of the said bridges, for a period ^{be sold by} not exceeding two years, and to fix the upset price of such ^{auction.} revenues at not less than four thousand dollars per annum, or, if it prefer, to retain possession of the said bridges and to continue to collect the tolls thereon.

59. The council may impose fines for any infringement ^{Fines.} of the by-laws respecting the said bridges, as well as for any infringement of the tariff established by it.

60. The council shall have power to build any other ^{Other bridges} bridges it may deem necessary over the river St. Maurice ^{may be built.} or any of its branches within the limits of the city, with the city funds, and also to maintain, manage and regulate them with the same authority, the same rights and privileges as those conferred upon it for the "St. Maurice bridges" mentioned in the title of this section.

61. The council shall have power to issue bonds or ^{Issue of} debentures to pay the expenses of building, rebuilding, ^{bonds, or de-} or of extensive repairs to the St. Maurice bridges when the ^{bentures.} same may be necessary, and to levy a special tax based on the value of the properties in the city as established by the valuation roll, sufficient to pay the yearly interest on such debentures, and to form the sinking-fund necessary for their redemption at maturity.

SECTION X

FERRIES

62. The council may acquire and own ferry-boats, ^{Ferries.} and lands on the north and south shores of the river St. Lawrence, and in the parishes around the city, and thereon build, acquire and own wharves for the establishment and maintenance of ferries by means of ferry-boats.

63. The exclusive right of granting licenses or permits ^{City to have} for ferries, between the city and the south shore of the ^{exclusive} river St. Lawrence, as well as between the city and the ^{right to} parish of Ste. Marie Madeleine du Cap de la Madeleine, ^{grant li-} shall belong to the city council, which shall in return ^{cense for} be bound to maintain the winter roads which it may deem ^{ferries.} necessary for the said ferries.

64. The council shall grant the said licenses for fer- ^{Conditions.} ries on such conditions, obligations and restrictions as it

Tariff. may establish by by-law for that purpose, and may, by the same by-law, establish a tariff or tariffs of fares or toll for ferries mentioned in the article immediately preceding.

Licenses for ferries may be sold by auction.

65. The council shall likewise have the exclusive power of selling by auction licenses for ferries between the city and the south shore of the river St. Lawrence, and between the city and the parish of Ste. Marie Madeleine du Cap de la Madeleine, under such conditions, obligations or restrictions as it may establish by by-law to that effect.

MUNICIPAL FINANCES

1.—*Annual appropriations.*

Annual appropriations.

66. During the month following the homologation of the valuation roll every year, the council shall vote the necessary appropriations to meet the expenses of the current year, and provide:

1. For the payment of the debts and obligations of the corporation maturing during the said year;
2. For the payment of the sinking fund and interest on the principal of the city's other debts;
3. For the city's ordinary and general expenses;
4. For the amounts required during the current year for proposed improvements or works;
5. For the creation of a reserve fund of at least five per cent, to be levied on the city revenues from all sources, which reserve fund shall be for the purpose of meeting the corporation's unforeseen expenses.

The amount so voted every year by the council to meet the year's expenses shall not exceed the probable amount of the current year's receipts, according to a statement to be prepared for such purpose.

Amount appropriated not to be exceeded.

67. 1. The council shall not exceed the amount so appropriated, except in the case and under the conditions hereinafter mentioned, but the council may at any time alter the destination of the sums so appropriated.

Report.

2. In cases of urgent necessity, the council shall have a report made respecting the amounts which may be required for meeting the expenses of the current year, after deducting the probable cost, losses and deficits in collecting any additional assessment which may be levied in the manner hereinafter mentioned.

Additional

3. To levy sufficient amounts to meet such a necessity,

the council may pass a by-law ordering the imposing of assessment the said additional assessment for the current year only, by by-law. and that such additional assessment be levied on all moveable and immoveable property, in the same manner as ordinary taxes and assessments.

2.—*Valuation roll.*

68. Industrial companies owning immoveables in the Companies city shall send to the office of the council in the month of to send state- May in every year, a statement showing the real value of ment of their moveable and immoveable property in the city. value of pro-
erty.

Communication of such statement shall be given in Assessors due time by the clerk to the assessors. Nevertheless, not bound the assessors may fix another value than that mentioned by such va- in the statement, and, in such case, they shall send notice luation. thereof to the head office of the company in the Province.

69. Article 5704 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is R. S. 5704, replaced, for the city, by the following: replaced for the city.

"5704. The valuation roll shall be signed by the Who shall assessor or assessors who drew it up or caused it to be sign roll. drawn up, and by the clerk or any other person whom they employed as writer.

After the homologation of the roll under article 5709, Deposit of it shall be deposited with the city treasurer, who may roll. afterwards give copies thereof or extracts therefrom as in the case of other documents in his custody."

3.—*Taxes and licenses, their imposition and collection.*

70. Paragraph 2 of article 5729 of the Revised Stat- R. S. 5729, utes, 1909, is replaced, for the city, by the following: par. 2, re-
placed for the city.

"2. The proprietors, lessees and occupants of the immo- Certain pro- veables mentioned above shall nevertheless be taxable priors, &c. in respect of the works required for the opening, paying to be liable and maintenance of streets, the opening and maintenance for certain of sewers and water-courses, and public lighting, under taxes. the by-laws in force, and shall be liable for the payment of any special tax or assessment made for that purpose, as well as for the payment for the use of water."

71. Articles 5731 and 5732 of the Revised Statutes, R. S. 5731 & 1909, are replaced, for the city, by the following: 5732, repla-
ced for the city.

"5731. All land under cultivation, or farmed or used city. as pasture for live stock, as well as all uncleared land or Taxation of wood lots within the municipality, shall be taxed to an farming amount not exceeding eighty cents per hundred dollars. lands.

Additions to
roll in cer-
tain cases.

The council may cause to be added to the valuation roll, at any time, by the assessors in office, on the valuation by them made, any portion of such land, which has been detached therefrom as a building lot, and shall thus have become liable to taxation after the closing of the valuation roll, and may exact the said tax as upon all other lots entered on the said roll.

Council may
tax annually:
Stock in
trade.

"5732. 1. The council may impose and levy annually:

a. On the stock in trade of all descriptions kept by merchants and dealers and exposed for sale in shops, or kept in vaults, warehouses or store-houses; on all yards or depots for rough, sawn or manufactured wood or lumber; and on all yards or depots for coal or other articles of commerce kept for sale, a tax not exceeding twenty-five cents per hundred dollars on the estimated average value of such stock in trade or other articles of commerce;

Tenants.

b. On all tenants paying rent in the municipality, a tax not exceeding eight cents in the dollar on the amount of their rent.

Occupants.

2. Every person, occupying property or part of any property of which he is neither the owner nor the lessee, shall be liable for the payment of this tax."

R. S. 5734
and 5735,
replaced for
the city.
Poll-tax.

72. Articles 5734 and 5735 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, are replaced, for the city, by the following:

"5734. The council may impose and levy on all male inhabitants of the age of twenty-one years and over, and who are not liable to the payment of any other tax under this act, an annual tax of two dollars. Such tax shall be called "capitation tax".

Exemptions.

Ecclesiastics, ministers of religion, students, apprentices and domestic servants shall be exempt from such tax."

Tax on all
trades, &c.

'5735. The council may establish, impose and levy certain annual dues or taxes on all trades, manufactures, financial or commercial establishments, occupations, arts, professions, callings or means of earning a profit or a livelihood, carried on or followed by one or more persons, companies or corporations in the city.

Other taxes.

And for greater certainty, without limiting the scope of the foregoing provision, and without prejudice to the prescriptions contained in this charter, the council may establish, impose and levy the said annual dues and taxes on the trades, manufactures, financial or commercial establishments, occupations, arts, professions, callings or means of earning a profit or livelihood hereinafter set forth:

1. On all owners or occupants of houses of public entertainment, inns, coffee-houses, boarding-houses, eating-

houses and other similar establishments, a tax not exceeding two hundred dollars;

2. On all persons and clubs keeping billiard-tables, bowling-alleys, pigeon-hole tables, shooting-galleries and other games or establishments for amusement of any kind; and on all proprietors, possessors, agents, managers or occupants of theatres, rooms for performances or exhibitions, circuses, menageries, curiosity shows of all kinds, itinerant musicians and jugglers, a tax not exceeding two hundred dollars;

3. On all retailers of spirituous, vinous or fermented liquors, and on all brewers and distillers, a tax not exceeding two hundred dollars;

4. On all traders, manufacturers, hucksters and hawkers, a tax not exceeding fifty dollars;

5. On all peddlers and itinerant traders, junk dealers and second-hand dealers, a tax not exceeding two hundred dollars;

6. On all hackmen, carters, expressmen and other persons conveying persons, goods, effects and produce of any kind in the city, as well as persons selling and racing horses, a tax not exceeding fifty dollars;

7. On livery-stable keepers and persons leasing bicycles, or other vehicles, boats, skiffs and other craft, a tax not exceeding fifty dollars;

8. On all proprietors of slaughter-houses in the city, a tax not exceeding one hundred dollars;

9. On advocates, notaries physicians, surgeons, veterinary surgeons, oculists, dentists, druggists, surveyors, engineers, civil engineers, architects, draughtsmen, painters in oil, portrait-painters, engravers, lithographers, carvers, printers, editors, journalists, photographers, stenographers, copyists and writers, and all other persons practising a liberal profession or plying any trade or calling whatsoever, a tax not exceeding thirty dollars;

10. On machinists, carpenters, contractors, joiners, furniture-makers, carriage-makers, wheel-wrights, upholsterers, turners, cabinet-makers, ship and boat-builders of all kinds, a tax not exceeding thirty dollars;

11. On gold and silver-smiths, jewellers, watchmakers, blacksmiths and other persons working in metals; on tin-smiths, armorers, plumbers, metal-roofers, fitters of heating apparatus and light fixtures, bell-hangers and fitters of electric and other fixtures, a tax not exceeding thirty dollars;

12. On bakers, pastry-cooks, butchers, barbers, confectioners, brush-makers, carders, gardeners, moulders and coopers, a tax not exceeding thirty dollars;

13. On shoemakers, saddlers, tanners, curriers and hide-dressers, a tax not exceeding thirty dollars;

14. On house-painters, decorators, and paper-hangers, a tax not exceeding thirty dollars;

15. On masons, stone and marble-cutters, plasterers, rough-casters, brickmakers and bricklayers, a tax not exceeding thirty dollars;

16. On tailors, dressmakers, florists, undertakers and decorative contractors, a tax not exceeding thirty dollars;

17. On all possessors or users of engines driven by steam, electricity, gas or other motive power, and on all machinery for working wood or iron, a tax not exceeding two hundred dollars;

18. On all workshops employing several workmen, a tax not exceeding two hundred dollars;

19. On all persons temporarily opening a shop for the purpose of selling a bankrupt or transient stock, a tax not exceeding two hundred dollars;

20. On all chartered banks and their agents, a tax not exceeding two hundred dollars;

21. On all bankers and their agents, a tax not exceeding two hundred dollars.

22. On all brokers, exchange brokers, money lenders, pawnbrokers, and their agents, a tax not exceeding one hundred dollars;

23. On all auctioneers, public criers, bill-posters, distributors of circulars, advertisements and other means of securing publicity, a tax not exceeding one hundred dollars;

24. On all life, fire, accident, marine and other insurance companies doing business in the city, or their agents, a tax not exceeding one hundred dollars for each kind of insurance;

25. On all railway companies having an office and doing business in the city, or their agents, a tax not exceeding three hundred dollars;

26. On all navigation or tramway companies having an office in the city and doing business therein, or their agents, a tax not exceeding two hundred dollars;

27. On all telephone companies having an office in the city and doing business therein, or their agents, a tax not exceeding three hundred dollars;

28. On all telegraph, light and heat companies, and companies for distributing electric or other power in the city, or having an office or doing business therein, or their agents, a tax not exceeding one hundred dollars;

29. On all owners of and persons running steamboats

conveying passengers and goods for money between the city and any place whatsoever, a tax not exceeding three hundred dollars;

30. On all vehicles or vessels used in conveying stone, brick or lime from outlying municipalities into the city, a tax not exceeding thirty dollars;

31. On all commission agents, for selling or buying; on all shippers or distributors of produce, merchandise or effects whatsoever; on all stevedores, contractors for loading or unloading and for conveying merchandise, produce or other effects in the city, a tax not exceeding one hundred dollars;

32. On investment offices, and on real estate agents and upon intelligence offices, a tax not exceeding one hundred dollars;

33. On all detective agencies and constables not under the control of the city or government, a tax not exceeding fifty dollars;

34. On all agencies for newspapers published outside the city, for publications, books or pamphlets, and on all vendors of newspapers and publications of all kinds keeping a place for selling the same or plying the trade of news-vendor in the city, a tax not exceeding fifty dollars;

35. On milkmen, owners of laundries and dye-works, and owners of ice-houses distributing ice in the city, a tax not exceeding fifty dollars;

36. On all itinerant merchants or business agents, their clerks or employees, who come to sell or offer for sale in the city, wares of any kind, except the persons mentioned in article 5932 of the Revised Statutes, 1909 a tax not exceeding two hundred dollars;

37. On all contractors for any kind of work, a tax not exceeding one hundred dollars;

38. The amount of the taxes authorized by this article may be double for the persons not residing nor having their principal place of business in the city for twelve months. Such taxes may be imposed upon outsiders without its being necessary to impose any on residents." Special provisions for non-residents.

73. Article 5736 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is replaced, for the city, by the following. R. S. 5736, replaced for the city.

"5736. Every special tax imposed under article 5735 may, in the discretion of the council, be imposed and levied in the form of a license; and thereupon such tax shall be payable annually at such time and under such conditions and restrictions as the council may determine. The Special taxes may be in form of license.

council may decree that the licenses which it may impose under this chapter or the charter, shall not be granted after a specified date”.

R. S. 5749,
replaced for
the city.

74. Article 5749 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is replaced, for the city, by the following:

Notice of
deposit of
roll.

“**5749.** The treasurer, after having completed the collection roll, shall give public notice announcing that the general collection roll, or the special roll, as the case may be, has been completed and is deposited in his office, and requiring all persons bound to pay the sums therein mentioned, to pay the same at his office, within the delays mentioned in article 5750, as replaced by this act.”

R. S. 5750,
replaced for
the city.

75. Article 5750 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is replaced, for the city, by the following:

Demand of
payment.

“**5750.** When he gives the notice mentioned in article 5749, the treasurer shall give the ratepayer a detailed account of all dues, taxes and assessments and all other amounts due the council, for constituted rents, paving, light, drainage, water-rates, rent, money disbursed, duties, or licenses, also of all sums due the council under obligations, contracts, agreements, judgments, municipal by-laws or any other title, with a notice that the said account must be paid within two months from the service thereof.

Interest.

At the expiration of such delay of two months, the ratepayer who has not paid the amount stated in the said account shall be obliged to pay six per cent on the said amount to the ensuing first of January. If such ratepayer has not paid by the said first of January, he shall be charged with an additional amount of six per cent, and so on until full payment, without public notice.

Taxes and
interest can-
not be remit-
ted.

Subject to the provisions of article 5775, neither the council nor its officers shall have power to remit such taxes nor the interest thereon.”

R. S. 5751,
replaced for
the city.

76. Article 5751 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is replaced, for the city, by the following:

Seizure and
sale of
moveables.

“**5751.** If the sums due by the persons entered on the collection roll, as well as the amount of any of the debts due under article 5750, have not been paid, the treasurer may, at the expiration of the two months mentioned in article 5750, notwithstanding any of the other provisions of the said article, levy them, together with costs, by seizure and sale of the moveables and effects of such persons which may be found in the city.”

Proceedings

77. The council may levy the assessments and other

municipal dues by means of a seizure by garnishment, to enforce effected by a writ signed by the mayor, enjoining upon the payment. garnishees not to dispossess themselves of the moveable effects or moneys in their possession belonging to the city's debtors, before it is otherwise ordered by the court, and ordering them, as well as the debtors, to appear before the Circuit Court on the day appointed. Proceedings shall be had before the said court on such writ in accordance with the provisions of the Code of Civil Procedure.

78. If a person has become surety to the corporation Proceedings for a tenant of a butcher's stall or shop on the market, or to hold surety. for the payment of any dues or the fulfilment of any obligation as such tenant, he shall be responsible like the principal debtor, and if the latter has not paid or has not fulfilled his obligation within the legal delay, such payment or fulfilment may be demanded from the surety, if a notice has been served at his domicile at the same time as it should have been served on his principal debtor according to law and to the by-laws. Thereupon the amount due may be recovered like other municipal taxes from the principal debtor or from the surety.

79. Article 5765 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is replaced, for the city, by the following: R. S. 5765, replaced for the city.

"5765. The purchaser shall thereupon be seized of the immoveable adjudged, and may enter into possession thereof, subject to the same being redeemed within the twelve months next following, but shall not carry off timber therefrom during the said year". Effect of adjudication.

80. Articles 5767 and 5768 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, are replaced, for the city, by the following: R. S. 5767 and 5768, replaced for the city.

"5767. If, within twelve months from the day of the adjudication, the immoveable adjudged has not been bought back or redeemed, according to the following provisions, the purchaser shall become the absolute owner thereof. If not redeemed within certain time.

5768. Such purchaser, upon exhibiting the certificate of his purchase, and upon proving the payment of all municipal and school taxes which in the meantime have become due thereon, shall be entitled, at the expiration of twelve months delay, to a deed of sale from the council. Deed of sale from council.

81. Article 5773 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is replaced, for the city, by the following: R. S. 5773, replaced for the city.

"5773. The owner of any immoveable sold by the Redemp-

tion of im-
moveables
sold for taxes.

clerk under the preceding provisions may, within twelve months next following the day of adjudication, redeem the same by repaying to the treasurer of the municipality the amount expended for the purchase of such land, with the cost of the certificate of adjudication or acquisition, with interest at ten per cent per annum".

City may be
purchaser.

82. The city may become the purchaser of immoveables put up for sale under articles 5756 to 5774 of the Revised Statutes, 1909.

Hypothecs
to city to re-
main.

83. The sale under the said articles 5756 to 5774 shall not do away with the hypothecs given the city under the act 9 Edward VII, chapter 84.

Notice of re-
demption to
purchaser.

84. The treasurer shall, within fifteen days after the redemption is effected, give special notice thereof to the purchaser, and, if in the interval there has been no seizure by garnishment or opposition for payment, he shall pay over to the said purchaser, on demand, the sum paid into his hands, retaining two and one-half per cent on the purchase price.

Purchaser
must be re-
paid all costs
and expenses,
&c.

85. The purchaser may compel the owner or the person who shall have redeemed the lands in the name of the owner, to reimburse him the cost of all useful repairs and improvements made by him on the land redeemed, unless he removes the same, and also to reimburse him the amount of the taxes paid, or of the public or municipal works performed on account of such land, with interest on the whole at the rate of ten per cent per annum, every fraction of a year being counted as a complete year.

Interest.

Privilege.

Such claim bears a privilege in favor of the purchaser upon the land in question.

Retention of
possession.

The purchaser may retain possession of the land redeemed until payment of such claim.

SECTION XII.

LOANS

R. S. 5779,
replaced by
the city.

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

Issue of
debentures.

"5779. The council may make loans by the issue of bonds or debentures under the signature of the mayor, countersigned by the treasurer, and the seal of the corporation.

Such bonds or debentures shall be made payable to bearer at the dates fixed by the council, and shall bear interest payable semi-annually at dates to be fixed by by-law of the council, at a rate which shall not exceed six per cent per annum." How payable.

87. Article 5780 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is replaced, for the city, by the following: R. S. 5780, replaced for the city.

"5780. Coupons to the amount of the half-yearly interest, signed by the mayor and countersigned by the treasurer, and payable to bearer where the interest specified therein falls due, may be annexed to each bond, obligation or debenture. Coupons.

At the time of payment, the coupons shall be handed to the treasurer; and the possession, by such officer, of any coupon, shall be *prima facie* evidence that the half-yearly interest specified therein has been paid." Proof of payment of interest.

88. The city corporation shall not employ any portion of the proceeds of the securities issued under this charter or the Cities and Towns' Act, for any other purpose than that indicated in the act or by-law allowing or ordering the issue of such bonds. Such bonds may be pledged, or given as collateral security, for all notes issued by the city for the purposes indicated in such act or by-law. Employment of proceeds.

89. If the council deems it advisable to temporarily suspend the issue or negotiation of its bonds or debentures mentioned in an act or by-law passed and adopted, it may borrow for such period on notes or treasury bonds; but such notes or treasury bonds shall be paid out of the proceeds of the bonds and debentures they replace, as soon as the latter have been issued or negotiated. Temporary loans.

The said bonds or notes shall be signed by the mayor and countersigned by the treasurer. How to be signed.

90. The sum total of the city's loans shall not exceed twenty per cent of the total value of the taxable immovables entered on the valuation roll. Total borrowing power.

Nevertheless, the immovables temporarily exempt from taxation by the city by-laws, shall not be considered as non-taxable property for the purposes of this article. Proviso.

The following shall not be deemed loans within the meaning of this article, namely: the loan to Messrs Girard & Godin under by-law chapter 125, adopted by the council on the 22nd August, 1904, approved by the electors who are proprietors of immovables on the 31st August, 1904, and sanctioned by the act 5 Edward VII, chapter 45. Certain loans excepted.

section 16, nor the loans to persons or corporations, nor guarantees of bonds or debentures to aid and encourage the undertakings mentioned in article 55 of this charter, and in article 5685 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, and their amendments; provided such loans or guarantees of bonds, obligations or debentures are secured by hypothecs in favor of the corporation.

The various sums borrowed and obligations contracted under sections 48 and 49 of this act, shall not be considered as loans within the meaning of this section.

4 Geo. V, c.
102, s. 15,
repealed.

91. Section 15 of the act 4 George V, chapter 102, is repealed.

R. S. 5789,
replaced for
the city.
Temporary
loans.

92. Article 5789 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is replaced, for the city, by the following:

"5789. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, the council may, pending the collection of the general and special taxes and of the water-rate, on mere resolution and without being bound to obtain the approval of the electors who are proprietors, contract temporary loans, from time to time, by means of notes or treasury bonds, for a period not exceeding the then current fiscal year, and on such terms and conditions as the council may deem expedient, to an amount not exceeding at any time seventy-five thousand dollars."

SECTION XIII.

EXPROPRIATION

R. S. 5790,
replaced for
the city.

93. Article 5790 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is replaced, for the city, by the following:

Right of ex-
propriation.

"5790. The council may, by complying with the following provisions, expropriate any immoveable property, or any servitude required for the execution of works ordered by it within its jurisdiction, particularly for the opening and widening of any street, public square or market place, for erecting public buildings and making sidewalks, for closing cemeteries, in a word for all objects of public utility for the city's use, or for sanitary purposes."

Refusal of
valuation.

94. The council may refuse the valuation mentioned in article 5797, by giving notice to the owner of such land or his representative within a delay of fifteen days from the receipt of the arbitrators' report by the council, and pay to the said owner all the damages he may have suffered. Such

damages shall be estimated by the arbitrators appointed to value the land.

95. If the council deems it advisable to open or widen a street, or to straighten the line of such street or sidewalk, it shall have a plan made by a surveyor, a duplicate whereof shall be deposited in the archives of the council. When such plan is adopted by the council it shall be binding on the municipality, the proprietors interested, and all other persons. Opening or widening of streets, &c. Plan to be binding.

If this clause has the effect of giving the city the ownership of a lot or any part of a lot which did not previously belong to it, it shall nevertheless have immediate possession thereof, but it shall owe an indemnity to the persons so expropriated, and such indemnity shall be determined and recoverable by direct action before any court having jurisdiction, notwithstanding articles 5790 to 5800 of the Revised Statutes, 1909. Indemnity in certain cases.

SECTION XIV

RECOVERY OF PENALTIES

96. Article 5805 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is replaced, for the city, by the following: R. S. 5805, replaced for the city.

"5805. Penalties recovered in virtue of the by-laws of the council, or of the provisions of this chapter, or of the charter, shall belong, unless it is otherwise provided, to the city.

If the penalty be due by the city, it shall belong wholly to the prosecutor."

SECTION XV

SPECIAL PROVISIONS

97. Paragraph 1 of article 5829 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is replaced, for the city, by the following: R. S. 5829, par. 1, replaced.

" 1. Any action brought under any by-law or resolution of the council for the recovery of any sum of money due to the municipality for any tax, license, water-rate, paving, light, drainage, rent, money disbursed, constituted rent, all sums due the council under obligations, contracts, agreements, judgments, municipal by-laws or any other title;" Actions for the recovery of sums due for taxes, &c.

98. The council may make, repeal and amend by-laws ordering the making and repairing of permanent sidewalks By-laws re sidewalks.

Repayment by owners. at the city's expense, and that the cost of such sidewalks be repaid by the owners of properties bound to make such sidewalks under the law and the by-laws, on the conditions and within the delays specified by the by-laws.

Loans authorized. Pending the reimbursement of such payments by the proprietors, the council shall have the right to borrow the necessary sums for the performance of such work, and to that end to issue promissory notes or treasury bonds, by resolution, without the ratepayers' approval being necessary. Such notes or treasury bonds shall be signed by the mayor, countersigned by the treasurer, and shall be paid out of the sums due by the proprietors, when they have been paid to the corporation.

Registration of births and deaths. **99.** The council may make, amend and repeal by-laws requiring all births and deaths within the city limits to be reported and registered.

Council may have work done and recover cost. **100.** Whenever it is enacted by law or by by-law that a person is obliged to make, repair and maintain a road, street, lane, sidewalk, fence, ditch, bridge or drain, and such person neglects or refuses to perform such work after the delays prescribed by such law or by-law, the council may have such work done, and may recover the cost thereof from the person in default.

Costs assimilated to taxes. Such costs may be recovered like municipal taxes. They shall bear interest and be privileged like such taxes.

Tax on poles, &c. **101.** The council may make, amend and repeal by-laws for exacting and collecting from all owners of poles and transmission wires of any kind, put up in the streets and public places of the city, and in connection with which a license may have been granted, any tax or due which the council may have determined or deemed reasonable to impose, and which, however, shall not exceed twenty-five cents per pole.

Signatures by facsimile. **102.** Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the clerk and treasurer of the city may sign the certificates they are bound to give under the city charter and by-laws, as well as the coupons on the bonds issued by the city council, with a stamp bearing a *facsimile* of their signatures previously approved by the council and exclusively devoted to such use. Such stamping shall be as valid for all legal purposes as if the clerk or treasurer had signed it with its own hand.

Validity of **103.** The production of any document or deed bearing

such stamp, shall be *prima facie* proof of the authenticity of such document or deed, and of the officer's authority for such stamping, and, with the exception of the said officers, all other persons are forbidden to use such stamp under penalty of the fine imposed by the by-law adopted to that effect.

104. Nothing in this act shall have the effect of setting aside or rendering illegal any issue of bonds or debentures which may have been effected or authorized by prior statutes concerning the city of Three Rivers, or of restricting in any way the privileges securing such bonds or debentures.

105. The bonds issued by the corporation under the following acts, namely: 1 Edward VII, chapter 44, section 247; 5 Edward VII, chapter 43, section 15; 8 Edward VII, chapter 86, section 13; 1 George V (1st session), chapter 50, section 12; 1 George V (2nd session), chapter 61, section 31; 3 George V, chapter 55, section 15, paragraphs 8, 9, 10 and 11; and 4 George V, chapter 75, section 21, are declared valid for all legal purposes, as well as the by-laws and resolutions ordering their issue.

106. The corporation of the city of Three Rivers is especially authorized to borrow the amounts hereinafter set forth:

1. Three hundred thousand dollars, to be devoted exclusively to the consolidation of the city's present floating debt;

2. One hundred thousand dollars, to be devoted exclusively to the purchase and installation of an incineration plant;

3. One hundred thousand dollars, to be devoted exclusively to the improvement, extension and construction of the waterworks;

4. Fifty thousand dollars, to be devoted exclusively to the necessary work for drainage and sewerage;

5. One hundred thousand dollars, to be devoted exclusively to paving or macadamizing the city streets;

6. Two hundred thousand dollars, to be devoted exclusively to the purchase, construction and installation of a gas system in the city;

7. One hundred thousand dollars, to be devoted exclusively to expropriations for the purpose of widening and improving streets and roads;

8. Fifty thousand dollars, to be devoted exclusively to the

construction, repairing or maintenance of ferry-boats to facilitate access to the city by water;

9. Fifty thousand dollars, to be devoted exclusively to the purchase of fire apparatus, building stations, and other necessary improvements for the fire department.

Provision
not applic-
able.

Article 5788 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, shall not apply to such bonds.

The city may always negotiate such bonds below par.

Penalties.

107. In all cases where persons are convicted of drunkenness, loose, idle or disorderly conduct, vagrancy, or disturbing the peace of the city, where the offence for which the conviction occurred is a repeated offence, the court pronouncing the sentence may, at its discretion, condemn the offender either to the fine prescribed by the by-laws or ordinances, and costs, or to imprisonment, without option of a fine, in the common jail of the district of Three Rivers for a period not exceeding two calendar months, with costs; and, failing the payment of such costs and of those of the arrest, conveyance to the prison, and imprisonment, to a further imprisonment of one calendar month.

Building
by-laws.

108. The city may make, amend and repeal by-laws ordering that all buildings shall be erected at a certain distance from the street, either throughout the city limits or in certain streets only.

Proprietors
may be held
to pay
taxes of
tenant.

109. The city may make, amend and repeal by-laws compelling proprietors to pay the taxes imposed on their tenants. In such case the proprietor who pays for his tenant shall be subrogated in all the city's rights and privileges as regards his tenant.

By-laws con-
tinued in
force.

110. The by-laws of the corporation of the city of Three Rivers now in force shall be continued until repealed, or with such amendments as may be made to them in virtue of this act; and all fines and penalties incurred under the said by-laws prior to this act, as well as under the acts respecting the charter of the city of Three Rivers, prior to this act, shall be sued for and recovered by ordinary process.

By-law
ratified.

111. By-law No. 272, ratified by the municipal electors on the 25th January, 1915, is ratified and declared valid.

Inconsis-
tent acts re-
pealed.

112. All acts inconsistent with the provisions of this charter, are repealed, but the repeal of such acts shall

not be construed as affecting any matter or thing done or to be done, nor any resolutions, decisions, orders or other acts of the council, nor the bonds, notes, shares or obligations issued, nor the by-laws adopted under the said Proviso. acts, nor the rights and duties of the mayor, aldermen and civic officials in office, who shall continue to fill their offices until replaced under the provisions of this charter.

113. Ecclesiastical or civil corporations whose property or any portion thereof is transferred to the corporation of the city of Three Rivers, or taken by it for purposes of public utility, may devote the price or compensation for the property so transferred or taken, to the purchase of property in any other part of the Province, and may take, hold and possess such property without letters of mortmain from His Majesty, notwithstanding any law to the contrary. Corporations whose property is acquired may employ price to purchase other property.

114. All debts due the corporation or the school commissioners, as the case may be, for any constituted rents (heretofore *cens et rentes* of the common), water-rates, sewerage, paving, light, maintenance of streets, and other works ordered by the municipal authority for the account of any ratepayer, shall be privileged debts, and, in the case of legal distribution of moneys, shall be allotted to the corporation and to the school commissioners, in preference to all other creditors, Crown rights excepted; but such privilege shall not apply to claims due for three years. Certain debts to be privileged. Preference to corporation.

SECTION XVI

SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

115. All the powers and duties of the school commissioners for the school municipality of the city of Three Rivers, shall continue to be exercised and fulfilled by the mayor and aldermen of the city, who shall *ex officio* be school commissioners for the city of Three Rivers, and, when acting as such, their collective name shall be: "The School Commissioners for the city of Three Rivers." Mayor and aldermen to be ex-officio school commissioners.

116. Nothing contained in this act shall prejudice the rights and privileges of dissentients, which shall in every respect remain as if the provisions of this charter relating to schools had not been passed. Rights of dissentients not prejudiced.

117. No alderman, who is a dissentient, shall act as a school commissioner in the event of their being one or Dissentient aldermen not

to act as
school com-
missioners.

more dissentient schools in operation in the city, but the other members of the council, or the majority of them, may act as such commissioners.

Mayor to be
chairman of
school com-
missioners if
Catholic.

118. The mayor shall *de jure* be the chairman of the city school commissioners, if he is a Catholic, but, if not, the other Catholic members shall choose one of their number as chairman.

R. S. 2700,
replaced for
the commis-
sion.

119. Article 2700 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is replaced, for the said commissioners, by the following:

Notice of
meetings.

"2700. The chairman may call meetings of the school board by a special notice in writing by the secretary, which shall be given at least twenty-four hours before the time fixed for such meeting."

R. S. 2727
and 2728, re-
placed for the
commission.

120. Articles 2727 and 2728 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, are replaced, for the said commissioners, by the following:

Loans
authorized
for certain
purposes.

"2727. The school commissioners for the city of Three Rivers may effect loans for the debts they have contracted, for effecting the granting or consolidation thereof, for building new school houses, for repairing, improving, enlarging and maintaining existing ones, for purchasing the necessary sites, and generally for all purposes within their jurisdiction."

Bonds or de-
bentures.

"2728. Such loans may be effected by the issue of bonds and debentures, on a resolution of the said commissioners, indicating:

1. The objects for which the loan is to be contracted;
2. The total amount of the issue;
3. The term of the loan;
4. The rate of interest;
5. All other details relating to the issue and to the loan.

Manner of
signature.

Such bonds or debentures and their coupons may be signed in the manner set forth in articles 86, 87 and 89 of the city charter."

R. S. 2730,
replaced for
the commis-
sion.

121. Article 2730 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is replaced, for the said commissioners, by the following:

Taxes to be
imposed and
levied.

"2730. To realize 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:

Immove-
ables.

1. Upon all immoveables, an annual tax not exceeding

fifty cents per one hundred dollars of the real value as entered on the city's valuation roll;

2. Upon all tenants in the municipality, an annual tax Tenants and not exceeding four cents per dollar of the rent as entered occupants. 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.

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

4. 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. Taxes on tenants to be collected from proprietors in certain case.

122. Article 2768 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is R. S. 2768, replaced, for the said commissioners, by the following: replaced for the commission.

"**2768.** The city assessors shall take the census of the children of non-resident persons while making the city's valuation roll. The commissioners shall see that they perform this duty. In taking such census they shall make a distinction between children from seven to fourteen years of age, and those from five to seven, and from fourteen to sixteen full years, and indicate the number of those in each category who attend school." Census of non-resident children.

123. Article 2774 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is R. S. 2774, replaced, for the said commissioners, by the following: replaced for the commission.

"**2774.** 1. The commissioners may, nevertheless, decide by resolution that the publication of the public notice shall be made by inserting it, for the number of times it may fix, in one or more French and in one or more English newspapers published or circulating in the municipality. After such resolution, the posting of the public notice shall no longer be required." Publication of notice.

2. Such publication or posting, done in accordance with the three foregoing articles, shall replace the reading ordered by the first paragraph of article 2787." To replace reading.

124. Articles 2795, 2796, 2797, 2798, 2799, 2800 and 2801 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, are replaced, for the said commissioners, by the following: R. S. 2795.—2801, replaced for the commission.

"**2795.** 1. The clerk of the city of Three Rivers shall *de jure* be the secretary of the said commissioners if he is a Catholic; and, if he is not, the commissioners shall appoint some other Catholic person to fill that office." Clerk of city to be secretary.

City treasurer to be treasurer.

2. The city treasurer shall also *de jure* be the treasurer of the said commissioners. He shall collect and be the depositary of all sums paid and belonging to the commissioners.

"Secretary-treasurer" replaced in various articles, for the commissioners.

3. The words "secretary-treasurer" are replaced, for the commissioners, by the word "treasurer" in the following articles and their amendments, namely: 2802 to 2812 inclusive, 2817, 2818, 2819, 2820, 2821, 2822, 2826, 2827, 2828, 2831, 2832, 2833, 2834, 2835 and 2931; and by the word "secretary" in the other articles of this chapter.

Oath to be taken.

4. The secretary and treasurer cannot enter into office until they have taken the oath to faithfully perform the duties of their office.

Offices.

5. They shall have their offices at the places where they have their offices for the city. Such offices shall be open every day at the hours fixed by the city council.

Salaries.

6. The commissioners shall fix the salaries to be paid the secretary and treasurer for the performance of their duties.

Assistant-secretary and assistant treasurer.

7. The commissioners may engage an assistant secretary and an assistant-treasurer who shall be under the control of those officers, and have the same powers and obligations. They may likewise engage all other clerks or officials required for their administration, fix their salaries and determine the security to be given by each.

The officers and employees mentioned in this article cannot be members of the board nor teachers employed by it.

Provisions applicable.

8. The provisions of articles 2816, 2823, 2824 and 2825, respecting the rights, duties and obligations of the secretary-treasurer, shall apply to the secretary and treasurer of the commissioners, *mutatis mutandis*."

R. S. 2827—2830 replaced for the commission.

125. Articles 2827, 2828, 2829 and 2830 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, are replaced, for the commissioners, by the following:

Annual audit.

"**2827.** Each year during the month of January the commissioners shall have their treasurer's accounts audited by the city auditors, whose salaries they shall fix for the performance of this duty, which they shall do under the oath they have taken as city auditors.

Auditor's report.

"**2828.** As soon as such accounts are audited in the manner prescribed by article 2827, the auditors shall submit a report on all the accounts entered in the treasurer's books, together with a statement of the assets and liabilities, which they shall submit to the commissioners.

"2829. Such report shall be published in the manner determined by the commissioners. Publication of report.

"2830. Whenever they deem it necessary, or upon a written application addressed to them by at least five rate-payers, or by the treasurer himself, the school commissioners shall order an audit of the accounts of the treasurer in office, or out of office, for the year ending on the first of January preceding, or for any of the five previous years, by one or more auditors appointed by them for that purpose. Such audit may be made even when the accounts have already been audited in conformity with article 2827." Special audit.

126. Article 2866 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is replaced, for the commissioners, by the following: R. S. 2866, replaced for the commission.

"2866. School taxes are prescribed by three years." Prescription.

127. Article 2867 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is replaced, for the commissioners, by the following: R. S. 2867, replaced for the commission.

"2867. The treasurer shall not be bound to make a collection roll for the school taxes as enacted by articles 2858 and following of this chapter; he shall make such collection by entering, in separate columns of the collection roll for the city's municipal taxes, the school taxes and assessments imposed under article 2730." Treasurer need not make a collection roll for school taxes.

128. The collection of the said taxes and contributions shall be effected in the same manner, and with the same procedure, as in the case of the collection of municipal taxes, and, to that end, articles 2869 to 2899 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, are replaced, for the commissioners, by articles 5749 to 5774, inclusive, as amended or replaced by this charter. Provisions to apply to collection.

129. All issues of bonds under the acts 61 Victoria, chapter 54, 1 Edward VII, chapter 44; 8 Edward VII, chapter 86, section 14, are declared good and valid. Bond issues declared good and valid.

130. The issue of bonds for one hundred and sixty-five thousand dollars, and the by-law authorizing the same, are declared good and valid for all legal purposes. Bond issue declared good and valid.

131. The commissioners are further authorized to borrow an amount not exceeding fifty-five thousand dollars, to repay to the corporation of the city of Three Rivers an amount of fifty-two thousand nine hundred and thirty dollars and nine cents, which the latter advanced to the Additional loan authorized.

said board, as established by a report of the city auditor from the 1st July, 1887, to the 31st December, 1911.

Provisions
not applic-
able.

132. Articles 2639 to 2699 inclusive; 2736, 2774, 2795, 2798, 2826, 2827, 2829, 2830 and 2837 to 2868 inclusive; 5302, 5357, 5370, 5371, 5373, 5423, 5425, 5553, 5554, 5555, 5601, paragraph 12 of article 5680; 5783, 5784, 5924, 5925, 5926, 5929, 5930 and 5931 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, shall not apply to the city of Three Rivers.

Coming into
force.

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

CHAP. 91

An Act to amend the charter of the city of Sherbrooke.

[Assented to 5th March, 1915]

Preamble.

WHEREAS the city of Sherbrooke has, by its petition, represented that it is in the public interest and important for the proper administration of its affairs, that its charter, the act 7 Edward VII, chapter 66, and the various laws amending it, be amended in order to change the method of administering its affairs, to grant it wider powers, and to do away with certain of the provisions governing it, 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:

4 Geo. V, c.
76, s. 4a,
enacted.

1. The act 4 George V, chapter 76, is amended by adding the following section after section 4:

Meeting of
owners of
immove-
ables.

“4a. The general meeting of owners of immoveables in the city, whose names are entered on the electors' list in force, shall be convened at least fifteen days beforehand by a notice signed by the mayor, for a day fixed by the council, and be held in the public hall.

Mayor or
acting-mayor
to preside.

Such meeting shall be presided over by the mayor or acting-mayor, and the city clerk or secretary-treasurer shall act as secretary. He shall read the by-law and submit it to the meeting. If an hour elapses after the opening of the meeting without a vote being called for, the by-law shall be deemed to be unanimously adopted by