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An Act to incorporate the town of Beloeil.

[Assented to 19th February, 1914]

WHEREAS the corporation of the village of Beloeil Preamble.
in the county of Verchères has, by petition, re-
presented:

That it has passed a resolution asking among other things that the inhabitants and ratepayers of the village of Beloeil be incorporated as a town under the provisions of the Cities' and Towns' Act, and under the name of "The Town of Beloeil";

That such territory is already provided with waterworks and light systems, the installation whereof has already been begun and is being completed in accordance with by-laws adopted and which it is expedient to confirm;

That these by-laws are now in force in the municipality, but a doubt has arisen as to their legality in so far as they permit the operation of these systems for purposes of motive power, and extend their operations beyond the limits of the municipality, and authorize the issuing of bonds or debentures at a rate of interest higher than the legal rate;

That the installation of the above systems has already been made within a certain radius round the municipality, that a large number of persons are now benefitting thereby, and that the rendering such by-laws invalid would cause considerable damage to the municipality and to those who are now benefitting by the water, light and motive power now supplied by these systems;

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

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

1. The town of Beloeil shall comprise the territory Territory.
of the village of Beloeil within its present boundaries.

2. The inhabitants and ratepayers of the village of Incorpor-
Beloeil shall constitute a town corporation under the ation.
name of "Town of Beloeil".

3. Such corporation shall be governed by the Cities' Cities' and
and Towns' Act, (articles 5256 to 5884 inclusive, of the Towns' Act
Revised Statutes, 1909), except in so far as the same may to apply.
be inconsistent with this act.

Succession to rights and obligations of village.

4. The corporation hereby constituted shall succeed to the rights, obligations, privileges, property, claims and actions of the corporation of the village of Beloeil, and shall replace it to all intents and purposes.

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

5. All *procès-verbaux*, assessment rolls, titles, by-laws, orders, lists, rolls, plans, resolutions, ordinances, covenants, provisions, undertakings or municipal acts whatsoever, now in force in the territory mentioned in section 1 of this act, shall continue to have full force and effect until set aside, amended, repealed or accomplished, unless they be inconsistent with this act.

Mayor and six aldermen.

6. The municipal council shall consist of a mayor and six aldermen, elected for two years.

First election.

7. The first general election of mayor and aldermen shall take place on the first juridical day of the month of February, 1915, and the nominations for such election shall be held on the third Monday in January, 1915, and the returning-officer for such first election shall be the secretary-treasurer of the village of Beloeil or, failing him, the secretary-treasurer of the parish of Beloeil. The present mayor and councillors of the village of Beloeil shall continue in their respective offices until the said election, or until they are replaced in accordance with the Cities' and Towns' Act.

Articles of R.S. not to apply.

Proviso.

8. Articles 5283, 5284 and 5285 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, shall not apply to the town; nevertheless, on a by-law approved by the vote of two thirds of the members of the council, the town may be divided into wards, and articles 5283, 5284 and 5285, shall then apply to it. Articles 5302, 5370, 5371, 5373 (second paragraph), 5377, 5380, 5382, 5395, 5397, 5422 and 5423 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, which are amended or repealed, for the town, by this act, shall then also apply to the town in their original tenor from the moment the council, by a vote of two-thirds of its members as aforesaid, shall have decided that the town be divided into wards.

Articles of R.S. not to apply.

9. Articles 5302, 5370, 5371, 5377, 5380, 5397 and 5423 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, shall not apply to the town.

One polling place.

10. The polling shall be held at a single place indicated by a resolution of the council, or, in default thereof, by the returning-officer.

11. The electors shall vote at such place, but shall vote only once for the election of a mayor, and only once for each of the six offices of aldermen. Each elector one vote.

The provisions of the Cities' and Towns' Act respecting the division into polling divisions and returning officers within the limits of the municipality, shall apply to the town only from the time when the town, by a vote of two-thirds of the members of its council, shall have decided upon the division into polling divisions as aforesaid. Proviso.

12. Article 5382 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is replaced, for the town, by the following: R.S. 5382 replaced for the town.

"5382. The mayor shall see that the list of the electors of the municipality be made as aforesaid, and he may dismiss the clerk, if the latter refuses or neglects to so make the said list, and also any civic employee who tampers with the same." Making of list.

13. In addition to all the powers conferred on it by the Cities' and Towns' Act, the council may also: Additional powers of council.

a. Levy, by by-law approved of by the ratepayers in the usual way, by means of direct taxes, the moneys needed for any object within the powers of the council, upon all taxable property, or merely upon the taxable immoveable property in the town; Levy tax.

b. Impose and levy by by-law an annual tax on all telegraph, telephone, electric-light or power poles in the streets and public places, provided such tax shall not exceed twenty-five cents per annum per pole. Tax poles.

Such tax shall be recoverable from the owners of the poles, and shall be due for all such poles in the town, except the telegraph poles on the property of railway companies and used by such companies. Exception.

14. Notwithstanding article 5646 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, by-law No. 15 of the village of Beloeil, providing for the establishment and administration of a water-works system within the present limits of the town of Beloeil, and in the surrounding territory, for the acquisition of lands and water-powers and for loans for such purposes, is authorized, for the town of Beloeil. By-law ratified.

15. By-law No. 46 of the village of Beloeil is ratified by this act; and the town is further authorized to acquire any electric-light system owned or which may hereafter be owned by other persons or companies, whether operated or not at present, or which may hereafter be operated within the limits of its territory. By-law ratified. Power to acquire light-ing system.

It is authorized to operate its own light system and to utilize any water power for such purposes as well as to operate any light system it may hereafter acquire within its limits and within a radius of twenty miles from the same.

Proviso.

The town shall not however furnish light or motive power in the surrounding municipalities without having made agreements with the interested parties.

Council authorized to levy direct tax by instalments.

16. In order to perform the work on and to operate its waterworks system and its light system, the council may further provide for the levying of the necessary moneys by direct taxation on the immoveables within the town, and, in such case, such tax may be levied by annual instalments distributed over a term of years specified by the by-law imposing the same.

Temporary loans authorized.

17. In addition to the powers granted under the common law, but solely for the purposes mentioned in this act, and further for the purpose of constructing sidewalks in the municipality, the town may make temporary loans by means of notes or other negotiable instruments at a rate not exceeding six per cent, and for an amount not exceeding in all twenty thousand dollars, on a simple resolution of the council.

Bonds or debentures may be given as security.

Furthermore until the time is considered favorable for the issuing a long term loan or negotiating bonds or debentures issued for the purposes of water works or lighting, the town may effect such loans by giving its bonds or debentures as security, and the fact of thus giving its bonds or debentures as security shall not affect their negotiability, either while thus transferred as security or afterwards.

Not to affect negotiability.

General or special tax authorized.

18. In order to realize the amounts required for administration purposes for improvements and for meeting the town's obligations, the council may levy annually any general or special tax, contribution, license fee or other imposition on the persons, and moveable and immoveable properties in the town.

R.S. 5713a added for the town.

19. The following article is added, for the town, after article 5713 of the Revised Statutes, 1909.

Addition to valuation roll.

"5713a. The council may cause to be added to the valuation roll, at any time, by the assessors in office, on an estimate made by them, any portion of a lot of land under cultivation which may have been detached as a town lot, or cause any lot of a subdivision of a lot of land brought to its knowledge after the homologation of the

annual valuation roll, to be valued separately in the same manner and at the same time."

20. The council shall hold its first session within the town limits at the place where the sittings of the council of the village of Beloeil are usually held, and subsequent sessions shall be held in the municipality at the place indicated by the council. Place of first council meeting.

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

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An Act to amend the charter of the town of Laval des Rapides.

[Assented to 19th February, 1914]

WHEREAS the town of Laval des Rapides has, by petition, represented that it is in the interest of the proper administration of its affairs that its charter, the act 2 George V, chapter 75, and the acts amending the same, be amended; and whereas it is expedient to grant its prayer; Preamble.

Whereas the town of Laval des Rapides has sold debentures at a higher rate of interest than the legal rate, and that there are doubts as to the validity of such sale, and the ratification of the sale of these debentures would be in the interest of the town;

Whereas under the by-law the council should have decreed the place where the debentures should be payable, and omitted to do so;

Whereas it is desirable to authorize a new loan to refund the loss made on such sale of debentures and for completing the works begun;

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

1. The bonds or debentures of the town of Laval des Rapides issued under by-laws 7 and 8, are ratified and confirmed, and the sale or transfer of the same as security is declared valid. Bond issue ratified and confirmed.

2. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the town of Laval des Rapides may, by by-law passed by a majority Loan authorized.