

- Costs of petition, &c. 5. The cost of the petition and the hearing before the judge shall be paid by the corporation unless the compensation awarded be less than that it declares it is ready to pay.
- Petitions, &c where to remain, &c. 6. The petition, the writ of possession and the certificate of deposit above mentioned and all other documents relating to such incidental procedure shall remain in the archives of the Superior Court for the district of Terrebonne, and a special register of such procedure shall be kept by the prothonotary.
- Re-payment of deposit. 7. No portion of the deposit or of the interest therefrom shall be reimbursed or paid to the corporation, nor paid to the proprietor or person aforesaid, without an order from the judge who is authorized to issue the same, rendered in accordance with the terms of the arbitration award or of the mutual agreement between the parties.
- Certain by-law ratified. 7. By-law No. 103, consolidating by-laws Nos. 95 and 99, of the by-laws of the council of the town of Saint-Jérôme, and adopted by the municipal council of the town of Saint Jérôme, on the 22nd October, 1912, as well as all bonds issued under the said by-law, is regularized, declared good and valid, and legal and binding to all intents and purposes upon the corporation of the town of Saint Jérôme.
- Coming into force. 8. This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction.

C H A P. 67

An Act to amend the charter of the town of Grand'Mère.

[Assented to 21st December, 1912]

Preamble.

WHEREAS the corporation of the town of Grand'Mère has by its petition represented that it is expedient to amend the act 1 George V, (1st session), chapter 54, which governs it, to grant it certain additional powers and to ratify certain by-laws;

Whereas it is expedient to grant the prayer of 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 Geo. V, (1910), c. 54, s. 21 repealed, &c.

1. Section 21 of the act 1 George V, (1st session), chapter 54, is repealed and article 5373 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, shall not apply to the town of Grand'Mère.

2. The town is authorized to pass one or more by-laws ^{Certain by-laws, authorized, &c.} for the purpose of contracting special loans to an amount not exceeding twenty thousand dollars, which shall form a special fund to provide for the proportion to be paid by the proprietors in expropriation cases, for paving the streets, for the making of sidewalks, waterworks and sewers, for a light system and for other permanent works until the special assessments for such purposes are collected.

The loan or loans provided for by this article may be effected ^{Issue of bonds, &c.} by means of issues of bonds, debentures or annuities or by notes signed by the mayor and treasurer without its being necessary to submit such by-laws to the approval of the municipal electors nor to provide a sinking fund.

3. By-law No. 96 as amended by by-law No. 105 of the by-laws of the town of Grand'Mère, respecting the making of sidewalks, is hereby ratified and declared valid, and, notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the town is authorized to borrow on notes or otherwise and without its being necessary to submit the same to the people, all amounts required for carrying out the same or to advance the proprietor's proportion, as provided in the said by-law. ^{By-law No. 96 ratified.}

4. The town may have an officer to superintend the making ^{Town engineer.} and maintenance of sewers, waterworks, light system, roads, sidewalks, parks and municipal buildings and works generally.

Such officer shall not necessarily reside in the town. ^{He Id.} He shall be called the town engineer and shall have an office in the building where the sittings of the council are held or in any other place specified by resolution of the council.

5. He may make plans and maps of the town, streets, roads ^{Making of plans, &c. by him.} and public places, sewers, waterworks, light system or other municipal works, and, notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary, he shall have the custody of such plans and maps as well as of the books, registers, and other documents and papers prepared by him or required in the performance of his duties, provided that they shall remain at the disposal of the public in his office at Grand'Mère.

6. The town engineer shall have the right to sign the plans, ^{Signing of plans, &c., by him.} maps, documents and papers so prepared and kept by him; and all copies of, or extracts from such plans, maps, books, registers or other documents and papers certified by him shall be proof of their contents.

7. The streets, lanes and public squares now open to traffic ^{Certain streets property of town, &c.} within the limits of the town of Grand'Mère are the property of the town, and the plan made and prepared by Arthur Surve-

yer, civil engineer, indicating such streets, lanes and public squares, is authorized, confirmed and declared binding upon the municipality, upon the proprietors interested and all other persons, provided that a duplicate thereof be deposited in the archives of the corporation.

Right to immediate possession.

If such clause should have the effect of conferring on the town the ownership of lands or parts of lands 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, such indemnity to be determined and be recoverable by direct action before the Superior Court or the Circuit Court, according to the amount.

By-laws ratified, &c.

8. By-laws Nos. 94 and 98 of the by-laws of the town of Grand'Mère providing for the establishment and management of a light system in the limits of the town of Grand'Mère, for the purchase of land and water-powers and for a loan for such purposes, are authorized, ratified, confirmed and declared valid to all intents and purposes; and the loan and debentures therein mentioned, are also authorized, ratified, confirmed and declared valid to all intents and purposes.

Certain proceedings not affected, &c.

9. Nothing in this act shall prevent the continuation of proceedings taken by doctor J. O. H. Ricard to quash the said by-laws, which proceedings shall be decided without regard to this act. And if the final judgment or judgments in the said proceedings recognize that Doctor Ricard's contract was still in force or that it should have been renewed, the town shall expropriate him in accordance with the provisions of article 5791*b* of its charter as enacted by the act 1 George V, (1st session), chapter 54, section 53.

R. S. 5641, am. for town.

10. Article 5641 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is amended, for the town, by replacing paragraph 15 thereof by the following:

Regulating use of streets &c.

" 15. To regulate or prevent the use of streets, alleys, sidewalks and public grounds, for signs, sign-posts, awnings, awning-posts, telephone, telegraph and electric poles, horse troughs, racks and other obstructions; and to order the removal of those already up or which may be set up unlawfully or provide therefor at the proprietor's expense."

Ratification.

11. Articles 1, 2 and 3 of by-law No, 108, amending by-law No. 94 of the town of Grand'Mère, are ratified and declared valid.

Certain contract not affected.

12. Nothing in this act shall affect the contract between the Laurentides Pulp Company, Limited, and the town of

Grand'Mère passed before P. E. Blondin, N. P., under the number 1183 of his minutes on the 22nd May 1903.

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

C H A P. 68

An Act to amend the charter of the town of Megantic.

[Assented to 21st December, 1912]

WHEREAS the town of Megantic has by its petition represented that it wishes to obtain certain amendments to its charter, the act 7 Edward VII, chapter 77, for the purpose of obtaining the right to sell and supply light and motive power, produced by gas or electricity or otherwise in and without its limits, and for other purposes connected therewith, and Preamble.

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 following section and articles are inserted in the act 7 Ed. VII, chapter 77, after article 18. 7 Ed. VII, c. 77, ss. 18a-18g added.

“ SECTION xa.

LIGHT, ETC.,

“ **18a.** The town is authorized by by-law approved in accordance with the provisions of articles 5609 and following of the Revised Statutes, 1909, to acquire, establish, manage and operate works intended for producing light and motive power, by means of gas, electricity or otherwise, for the public needs and for those of private individuals, corporations and adjoining municipalities and of private individuals and corporations within the limits of such municipalities. Acquisition &c., of works for lighting purposes.

To that end the town may acquire, possess and operate any water-power plant, electric system in operation, property, right of way, servitude and usufruct within a radius of fifteen miles from its limits and acquire, by expropriation if necessary, the right of way for poles and conduits, but, in the event of such poles and conduits being placed in a public road, the town must previously obtain the consent of the municipalities in control of such public roads. Acquiring, &c., of water power, &c.