

which is required to be taken in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one and in every tenth year thereafter the population of the territory hereby added to the province of Quebec shall be distinguished from that of the said province as heretofore constituted, and the representation of the said territory in the House of Commons shall be determined according to the rules enacted by section 51 of "The British North America Act, 1867," regulating the representation of the provinces other than Quebec;

(c) That the province of Quebec will recognize the rights of the Indian inhabitants in the territory above described to the same extent, and will obtain surrenders of such rights in the same manner, as the Government of Canada has heretofore recognized such rights and has obtained surrender thereof, and the said province shall bear and satisfy all charges and expenditure in connection with or arising out of such surrenders;

(d) That no such surrender shall be made or obtained except with the approval of the Governor in Council;

(e) That the trusteeship of the Indians in the said territory, and the management of any lands now or hereafter reserved for their use, shall remain in the Government of Canada subject to the control of Parliament.

3. Nothing in this act shall in any way prejudice or affect the rights or properties of the Hudson's Bay Company as contained in the conditions under which that company surrendered Ruperts Land to the Crown.

4. This Act shall come into force on a day to be fixed by proclamation of the Governor in Council published in *The Canada Gazette*, but such proclamation shall not be made until after the Legislature of Quebec shall have consented to the increase of the limits of the province herein provided for, and agreed to the terms, conditions and provisions aforesaid.

C H A P . 8

An Act to establish the Metropolitan Parks Commission.

[Assented to 3rd April, 1912.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS by the act 1 George V. (1st session), chapter 6, a commission was appointed to study the best means to be taken to create a system of parks, improved means of communication and model dwellings for the working classes on the Island of Montreal, and its neighborhood;

Whereas the said commission has completed its inquiries, and has made a report of its recommendations and suggestions to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council;

Whereas it is expedient that a permanent commission be now appointed in order to effectually carry out the improvements suggested;

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

I—CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMISSION

1. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may appoint as a Appointment of commission. commission to be called "The Metropolitan Parks Commission", seven persons residing in the Island of Montreal, one of whom shall be the mayor of Montreal for the time being.

The chairman of the said Commission shall be chosen by Chairman of commission. the members thereof, and, in case of a tie, he shall have a casting vote, over and above his vote as commissioner.

No vacancy or vacancies in the said Commission shall Effect of vacancies. have the effect of dissolving the same.

2. The Commission may appoint a Secretary-treasurer. secretary-treasurer with such salary and on such conditions as they think fit.

3. The commissioners, except the mayor of Montreal, Term of office. shall be appointed for five years and shall remain in office during such time.

Any vacancy in the office of a commissioner shall be filled Filling of vacancies. by another person appointed by the commissioners, but the person so appointed shall remain in office only till the expiration of the term of the commissioner he replaced.

If such vacancy be caused by the death, resignation, re-Filling of vacancy on death, &c., of mayor of Montreal. fusal or inability to act of the mayor of Montreal, it shall be filled by another person appointed by the council of the city of Montreal, but such person so appointed shall remain in office only till the expiration of the term of office of the mayor of Montreal or until his replacement.

4. Any commissioner, except the mayor of Montreal, may Dismissal of commissioners. be dismissed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, upon a petition containing reasons and approved by the majority of the municipalities over which the commission has jurisdiction under this act. The approval of the petition shall be expressed by resolution of the majority of the municipal councils interested.

The vacancy caused by such dismissal shall be filled by a Filling of vacancies in such cases. person appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, but

the person so appointed shall remain in office only till the expiration of the term of the commissioner whom he replaces.

5. The quorum of meetings of the commission shall be four members.

6. The commissioners shall be entitled to payment of their travelling expenses, and of the disbursements they have to make for the complete performance of their duties in pursuance of this act.

7. The chairman, under the control of the commission, is specially charged with the management of the business of the commission and with the supervision of the persons employed by it.

When absent or unable to act, he shall be replaced by a vice-chairman elected by the commissioners; and the said vice-chairman, shall, during such absence or inability to act, exercise all the powers of the chairman.

8. The head office of the Commission shall be in the city of Montreal.

The books, plans, maps, documents, records and accounts of the Commission shall be kept in said office, and shall be open to the inspection of the public at such times and in accordance with such special rules as the Commission may from time to time prescribe.

Nevertheless, such rules shall come into force only from the day when they were published in the *Quebec Official Gazette*.

II—POWERS.

9. The Commission may appoint such employees, guardians and technical and legal advisers as it may require, with such remuneration as it thinks proper, and may fix their respective duties and those of the secretary-treasurer.

10. The Commission may, subject to ratification by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, make regulations for the good management of its business and the preservation, upkeep, and protection of the works and other property under its jurisdiction, control or care, and for the election of the chairman and vice-chairman.

Nevertheless, such regulations shall come into force, only from the day when they were published in the *Quebec Official Gazette*.

11. The Commission, after its first members have been

appointed, shall be a corporation and shall have the power, status and powers of commission. subject as regards cities and towns to article 22, to make and execute and carry out plans for the establishment of public parks, squares, promenades, boulevards, thoroughfares, recreation-grounds, playgrounds, streets, baths and gardens in the Island of Montreal, the Dorval Islands, and St. Paul, Dixie, Heron and Perrot Islands.

It shall further have all rights and powers belonging to Id. corporations in general, in so far as the same are consistent with the provisions of this act.

12. In addition to the powers pertaining to corporations, Acquisition the Commission may acquire by purchase, gift, promise of of property. sale or expropriation, the immovable property which it may think necessary for carrying out the objects of this act.

Articles 5790 to 5800 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, shall Law govern- apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to the expropriations authorized ing certain expropriations. by this act, subject to article 22.

Nevertheless, if after such expropriation, there remains Expropriation in certain case, &c. a portion of a lot not exceeding forty feet in depth, the Commission shall expropriate it at the same time as the portion needed by it, if thereunto required, but it shall resell the portions it does not need within the shortest possible delay, and in such manner as it may deem most advantageous

13. All property which may be acquired and all revenues Application of property, &c. arising therefrom, shall be the property of the corporation, and shall be employed exclusively for the purposes of this act.

Nevertheless, in a city or town, the municipality shall Taking possession of streets by municipalities. always have the right to take possession and charge of any street opened by the Commission within the limits of the municipality, but must maintain such streets as established by the Commission.

14. The property of the commission and that under its Exemption from taxes. control shall be exempt from all taxes.

15. The Commission may inquire into the question of Inquiries by commission. the condition of the dwellings of the working classes within the Island of Montreal, and make with reference thereto any suggestions which it may think proper in its annual report to the Legislative Assembly.

III—FINANCES.

16. To meet the annual and other expenses to be incurred Annual assessment. under the provisions of this act, the Commission may levy,

charge, demand, collect, sue for, recover, accept and receive for the space of forty years after the passing of this act, an annual assessment of one twentieth of one per cent, on all taxable real estate entered on the assessment rolls in all cities and towns situate on the Island of Montreal, by requisition on their respective municipal councils which are empowered to levy and collect the said assessment, in the same manner, time and form as ordinary school taxes, and to pay the said tax, when collected, to the Commission.

Issuing of
bonds, &c.

17. The Commission, for the same purposes, may issue bonds and debentures secured upon such future revenue or on such property of the Commission as may be designated therein, to an amount not exceeding the sum obtainable on the security of one half of such future revenues and future assessments. The said bonds and debentures shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding four per cent. per annum. To provide for the gradual extinction of such bonds or debentures, the Commission shall make its bonds or debentures payable by annual instalments in such manner that the debt shall be extinguished at or before the expiration of the said forty years.

Law to apply
finances of
commission.

18. Articles 5690 to 5694 inclusively of the Revised Statutes, 1909, shall apply to the finances of the Commission in so far as the same may be applicable and are not inconsistent with this act.

Consent of
municipal-
ities requir-
ed.

19. The provisions of this act shall not apply to any city or town otherwise than with the consent of the municipal council expressed by a by-law, and every city or town on the Island of Montreal or on the other islands mentioned in section 11, is hereby authorized to give such consent.

IV—MISCELLANEOUS.

Liability for
certain
works, &c.

20. The liability arising out of any of the works or improvements mentioned in section 11 and the rights and remedies thereto appertaining, shall be in all respects the same as those provided by law for the city of Montreal.

Actions
against com-
mission, &c.

21. Actions seeking to enforce all rights and remedies against the Commission or any member thereof, shall be brought against the Commission as such, but its members shall never be personally liable for the Commission.

Expropria-
tion of parks,
&c.

22. The Commission shall not expropriate for, nor commence to construct any park, square, boulevard, street or

driveway within any city or town without first obtaining the permission of such city or town by resolution of its council.

23. It shall be the duty of the Commission, within the Report to first fifteen days of each session, to make a report of its oper- Legislative ations to the Legislative Assembly and to accompany such Assembly. report with a statement of its receipts and expenses.

24. This act shall come into force on the day of its sanc- Coming into tion. force.

C H A P . 9

An Act to amend the law respecting representation in the Legislative Assembly

[Assented to 3rd April, 1912]

HIS MAJESTY, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of Quebec, enacts as follows:

1. Article 62 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is amended R.S.Q., 1909, by replacing the words "seventy-five" in the first line of para- 62 am. graph 1, by the words "eighty-two".

2. Article 67 of the said statutes is amended by replacing Id., 67, am. the words "seventy-five" in the first line by the words "eighty-two".

3. Paragraph 4 of article 67 of the said statutes is replaced Id., 67. am. by the following:

<p>" 4 Beauce.</p>	<p>The county of Beauce is bounded towards the north and the northeast by the county of Dorchester; towards the northwest by the counties of Megantic and Lotbinière; towards the east by the frontier line, and towards the southwest by the county of Frontenac.</p> <p>The county so bounded comprises the entire townships of Tring, Broughton, Metgermette North, Metgermette South, Linière and Jersey; the township of Shenley less that part of the township contained in the parish of St. Evariste de Forsyth; lots numbers 15 to 29 both inclusive of each of the ranges I, II and III of the town-</p>
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