

## CHAP. 12

An Act respecting the Quebec License Law, and to authorize the appointment of a commission to inquire into the sale of intoxicating liquors and as to the changes it is expedient to make in the said law.

[Assented to 3rd April, 1912.]

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

**1.** Article 943 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, as amended R.S.Q., 943, by the acts 1 George V (1st session), chapter 10, section 4, <sup>am.</sup> 1 George V (2nd session), chapter 15, section 1, and 2 George V, chapter 13, section 1, is further amended:

*a.* By replacing paragraph 1 by the following:

**"943. 1.** For the license year beginning on the first day of May, 1913, and from and after that date, the number of inn and restaurant licenses within the limits of the city of Quebec as they will be on the first day of May 1913, shall be reduced to sixty.

After the reduction in the number of licenses, the duty on such licenses fixed by article 988 shall be proportionately increased by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, so that the total revenue arising therefrom shall not be less than that obtained before the reduction." <sup>Fees on same.</sup>

*b.* By replacing the words, "in this," in the second line of paragraph 5, by the words: "in paragraphs 2, 3, and 4 of."

**2.** In order to comply with section 1 of this act, the License Commissioners of the city of Quebec shall proceed to reduce the number of licenses by confirming only the certificates of such petitioners as they think proper. <sup>Confirmation of certain license certificates in Quebec.</sup>

The decision of the Commissioners shall be final and without appeal.

**3.** There shall be paid, out of the consolidated revenue fund of the Province an indemnity of three thousand dollars to each person who was the holder of an inn or restaurant license for the license year ending on the 30th of April, 1913, and whose certificate was refused by reason of the carrying out of this act, provided that such person produces to the Provincial Treasurer a certificate signed by the License Commissioners of the city of Quebec, attesting that it was so refused. <sup>Indemnity to certain license holders.</sup>

Special duty  
on certain  
licenses.

**4.** There shall be imposed each year, by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, to insure the repayment in ten years by equal annual instalments, of the principal and of the interest at the rate of four per cent per annum of the sums so paid by the Government, a special duty on the inn and restaurant licenses issued for the license year beginning on the first day of May, 1913, and for subsequent years, within the limits of the city of Quebec as they will be on the said date.

R.S.Q., 946,  
to apply.

The provisions of article 946 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, shall apply to the payment of this special duty and to the issuing of the license.

License  
Commission  
of P. Q.

**5.** The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may appoint a commission consisting of not less than three and not more than five commissioners and of a secretary. This Commission shall be called "The License Commission of the Province of Quebec." whose functions shall be to study everything relating to the sale of intoxicating liquors and more particularly to closely study the Quebec License Law and the changes which it is expedient to make thereto.

Filling of  
vacancies.

If there is any vacancy among the members of the Commission, the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may fill the same and such vacancy shall not have the effect of dissolving the commission.

Proceedings  
and report  
of commis-  
sion.

**6.** The commission shall proceed with all possible diligence to carry out the purposes for which it is appointed, and shall address a report of its proceedings and of the conclusions at which it has arrived, to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, on or before the first day of December 1912.

Place of its  
meetings.  
How it may  
obtain in-  
formation.

**7.** The commission may hold its meetings in any part of the Province where there is information to be collected.

It may inquire into the facts with regard to which its authority extends by any means calculated to afford it information.

Indemnity  
of commis-  
sioners, &c.

**8.** The commissioners and secretary shall each receive for his services an indemnity fixed by order of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council which shall not however exceed ten dollars a day.

Indemnity,  
&c., how  
paid.

**9.** The indemnity of the commissioners and of the secretary and the expenses which they may incur for travelling, stationery and other things necessary for the performance of their duties under this act, shall be paid by warrants of the Lieutenant-Governor out of the consolidated revenue fund of the Province.

**10.** This act shall come into force on the day of its sanc-Coming into  
tion, but paragraphs 1 and 5 of article 943, as contained in force.  
the Revised Statutes, 1909, before the amendment thereto  
by section 1 of this act, shall remain in force until the 30th  
April 1913.

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## C H A P . 1 3

An Act to amend the Revised Statutes, 1909, respecting the  
reduction in the number of hotel licenses in the towns of  
Marieville and Acton Vale.

[Assented to 3rd April, 1912.]

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

**1.** Paragraph 4 of article 943 of the Revised Statutes, R.S.Q., 943,  
1909, as amended by the acts 1 George V (1st session), chapter am.  
10, section 4, 1 George V (2nd session), chapter 15, section 1,  
and 2 George V, chapter 12, section 1, is further amended by  
inserting at the end thereof the words: "In the town of  
Marieville the number of hotel licenses is limited to a maxi-  
mum of two (the present number), and shall not, hereafter, be  
increased to three unless the population of the said munici- Licenses in  
pality shall have reached three thousand souls, and so on Marieville.  
thereafter, the increase being limited to a maximum of one  
for each one thousand souls of the population; in the town of  
Acton Vale the number of hotel licenses is limited to a maxi-  
mum of two (the present number), and shall not, hereafter, be  
increased to three unless the population of the said munici- And in Acton  
pality shall have reached three thousand souls, and so on there- Vale.  
after, the increase being limited to a maximum of one for each  
one thousand souls of the population."

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

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