

under the control of the city and to supply the same light to citizens generally at low rates, with other advantages in consideration of a commutation of taxes for the amount of eighteen thousand dollars payable annually;

Whereas the city and the said company have made an agreement with reference to the terms and conditions on which a fresh commutation of taxes shall be granted to the said Montreal Cotton Company;

Whereas the majority of the ratepayers of the said city have on two occasions during the last twelve months declared in favor of such commutation;

Whereas the council is in consequence justifiable under the circumstances in taking the best possible measures to come to an understanding with the said company;

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:

Certain by-law ratified.

1. By-law No. 229, adopted by the council of the said city of Salaberry de Valleyfield, on the 12th February, 1912, containing the agreement between the said Montreal Cotton Company and the said city, is ratified and declared good, valid and binding in every respect, notwithstanding any laws or the provisions of the charter of the city of Salaberry de Valleyfield to the contrary.

Coming into force.

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

CHAP. 70

An Act to amend the charter of the town of La Tuque and to authorize it to complete and put its by-law No. 6 again in force.

[Assented to 3rd April, 1912.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS the corporation of the town of La Tuque, has by petition represented:

That by by-law bearing the number 6 dated the 6th September 1911, its council ordered that a loan of one hundred thousand dollars be effected to complete the construction of its waterworks and of its sewerage system and to establish a municipal electric light system, and to fix a uniform tariff of prices for such services in the various parts of the town;

That by judgment of the Superior Court sitting at Three Rivers, on the 22nd January, 1912, the said by-law was quashed and set aside for the reason that the said loan should have been specially authorized by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council under article 5784 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, and the said by-law should have provided for the imposition of a special tax in accordance with such article, because the interest and sinking fund of the other sums borrowed by the municipalities of the villages to which the said town has succeeded, would absorb one half of the town's revenue, but that it was acknowledged by the said judgment that the said by-law was in accordance with the law in all other respects;

That, as the said town has been erected for less than one year, it is practically impossible to establish exactly what its annual revenue is;

That, without the benefit of the uniform tariff fixed by the said by-law for the service of the said waterworks which already exist throughout nearly the whole town, and pending the putting in force of a new by-law in that respect, the corporation would be deprived of considerable revenue and even be obliged to repay the amounts already collected under the tariff;

That, beyond a doubt, the revenues from the services to which the sums to be borrowed under the said by-law were destined, will almost immediately suffice to cover the interest and sinking fund of the said loan, and that it would then be unjust to continue levying the special tax which would have to be imposed under the said article 5784;

Whereas it is in the interest of the proper municipal administration of the said town that the council be authorized to complete the said by-law No. 6, to supply the omissions pointed out by the said judgment, by imposing upon all taxable immoveable property in the town a special tax sufficient to pay such portion of the yearly interest and sinking fund of two per cent per annum on the said loan of one hundred thousand dollars, which the excess of the receipts from the said services for the previous year over the expenses of administration and the other yearly charges thereof, would not suffice to meet, and by obtaining the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council;

Whereas the corporation has prayed for the passing of an exceptional act to that effect in its favor and its request is supported by a petition signed by an immense majority of the rate-payers and proprietors of immoveables of the town, and whereas it is expedient to grant such prayer;

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

By-law No. 6
of town, com-
pletion of,
&c.

1. The council of the town of La Tuque may complete its by-law No. 6, adopted on the 6th September, 1911, and unanimously approved by the electors who are proprietors of immoveables, on the 28th September, 1911, by imposing, by a supplementary by-law, upon all the proprietors of taxable immoveable property of the town, an annual tax of seven thousand dollars to pay the yearly interest and a sinking fund of two per cent per annum of the loan of one hundred thousand dollars provided by the said by-law until the extinction of the said debt and by obtaining the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council; and, from and after the accomplishment of such formalities, the said by-law No. 6 shall come and remain in force and the water tax or compensation for the waterworks' service, therein mentioned shall apply and may be collected for such service from the 1st October, 1911.

Yearly re-
duction of
certain tax.

2. If the said supplementary by-law contains a clause to that effect, the amount to be apportioned and collected on the said tax of seven thousand dollars may be reduced every year by resolution of the council by such amount as the council may be able to dispose of, out of the receipts of the previous year from the waterworks and light services, to pay the interest and sinking fund of the said loan of one hundred thousand dollars.

Coming into
force.

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

CHAP. 71

An Act concerning the charter of the town of Dorval.

[Assented to 3rd April, 1912.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS the town of Dorval, has by its petition represented that its charter the act 3 Edward VII, chapter 73, does not meet the requirements of the said municipality and that it is especially necessary to make the Cities and Towns' Act apply to the said town of Dorval and also to enact certain special provisions ;

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 ;

Law to gov-
ern town.

1. The town of Dorval shall, hereafter, be governed by the