

Councillor or the member before the said clerk or accountant, as the case may be, or any person authorized to take affidavits, the indemnity and allowance shall be paid.

Id., 594,
replaced.

3. Article 594 of the Revised Statutes is replaced by the following :

Salaries of
Ministers.

“ **594.** The Minister holding the recognized position of First Minister shall receive an annual salary of seven thousand dollars, and every other Minister shall receive an annual salary of six thousand dollars, in each case without prejudice to the indemnity of such Minister as Legislative Councillor or member of the Legislative Assembly.

Act to apply
to session of
1909.
Exception.

4. This act with the exception of section 3 shall apply to the present session of the Legislature, except in so far as the declarations respecting the attendance of the Legislative Councillors and members are concerned.

Coming into
force.

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

CHAP. 13

An Act to amend the Revised Statutes respecting inquiries concerning public matters

[Assented to 1st April, 1909]

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

R. S. Q., 596,
amended.

1. Article 596 of the Revised Statutes, as replaced by the act 59 Victoria, chapter 11, section 1, is amended by inserting therein after the word “ justice ”, in the fifth line, the words : “ any matter of importance relating to public health ”.

Id., 596b,
replaced.

2. Article 596b of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by the act 59 Victoria, chapter 11, section 1, is replaced by the following :

Secretary to
commission.

“ **596b.** The Lieutenant-Governor may also appoint a secretary to the commission.

Stenograph-
ers, &c.

The commissioners may, with the authorization of the Attorney General, employ stenographers, clerks and messengers.

Other ex-
penses.

They may also incur such further expenses as may be necessary for the performance of their duties.

The salaries of the commissioners, secretary, stenographers, ^{Salaries of} clerks and messengers shall be fixed by the Lieutenant-Gov-^{commis-} ernor in Council."^{sioners, &c.}

3. Article 598e of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by the ^{Id., 598e,} act 59 Victoria, chapter 11, section 3, is replaced by the fol-^{replaced.} lowing :

" **598e.** In the case of an inquiry into the affairs of any ^{Costs by} city, town, village or other municipality, all the costs occa-^{whom paid.} sioned by the inquiry shall be paid by such city, town, village or other municipality.

The commissioners may, by order, require the municipality ^{Advances of} to advance them within such delay as they may fix, any moneys ^{money by} necessary for the performance of their duties ; and after the ^{municipality} service of such order upon him, the treasurer or secretary-^{to commis-} sioners, &c. treasurer of the municipality, shall, within the prescribed delay, and under pain of contempt of court, transmit the amount required, to the secretary of the commission.

The treasurer or secretary-treasurer is authorized to take ^{Advances} such amount out of the general funds of the municipality, ^{whence} notwithstanding any provision to the contrary contained in ^{taken.} any special or general act.

If, in the course of an inquiry, it is established that there ^{Reimburse-} has been maladministration or malversation on the part of any ^{ment of costs} employee, alderman or councillor of the city, town, village or ^{to muni-} municipality, or on the part of any other person, or if it is ^{pality by cer-} established therein that the charge which gave rise to the ^{tain persons} inquiry is unfounded, the commissioners may condemn the person or persons inculpated, or the person who has brought the false accusation, to repay the municipality the whole of the costs of such inquiry or such part thereof, as they may think fit.

In default of immediate payment of such costs, the muni- ^{Recovery of} cipality shall sue the person or persons liable therefor, for the ^{such costs.} recovery thereof, and such persons shall be liable to imprisonment until they have paid in full the costs which they have been condemned to pay."

4. This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction. ^{Coming into} force.