

tinuation of Ontario Avenue, are removed from the general plan of the city of Montreal.

Coming into
force.

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

CHAP. 84

An Act for the relief of the victims of the last conflagration in the city of Three Rivers and to amend the charter of the said city.

[Assented to 27th April, 1909]

Preamble.

WHEREAS the city of Three Rivers has, by its petition, represented that a great many of its inhabitants have, through the conflagration of the twenty-second of June last (1908), suffered losses to an amount of over one million two hundred thousand dollars in the value of immoveables through the large number of buildings destroyed by the said conflagration and, moreover, suffered losses on machinery, stocks-in-trade, merchandise, moveables and other effects of over two million dollars, thereby rendering the majority of the victims entirely unable to rebuild their properties and continue their business and industry by which the people generally earned their livelihood ;

That, under present circumstances, it is very important for it to take the necessary measures to protect its inhabitants from a similar calamity in future by widening the streets so as to have more room for the firemen to fight fires and prevent the destroying element from spreading ;

That, to attain such end, the council will be obliged to expropriate a certain quantity of land in front of the lots situate on the said streets, which will entail an expenditure of at least one hundred and fifty thousand dollars ;

That, owing to the price of materials and labour, the cost of the new buildings will be more than double that of the old ones in existence before the fire ;

That certain amendments to its charter are urgent ;

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 :

City may
issue debent-

1. For the objects mentioned in the preamble to this act, the corporation of the city of Three Rivers may issue debentures

to an amount not exceeding six hundred and fifty thousand dollars. Out of the proceeds of the sale of the said debentures the council of the said city may advance a sum not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars to the proprietors or lessees whose houses or other buildings were destroyed by the said fire, their heirs or assigns to aid them to rebuild, or to pay the cost of rebuilding such houses or buildings; provided however, in the case of a lessee that he shall have become within six months of the said fire owner of the land on which the buildings were destroyed at the time of the fire. Such advances shall be made in conformity with the provisions of a by-law for that purpose, to be passed by the said council and approved by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, and shall not exceed sixty per cent of the value of the land and of the cost of the new buildings.

tures, and make advances to proprietors, &c., of buildings burned.

By-law for such purpose, &c.

2. The corporation of the city of Three Rivers shall not lend to the persons mentioned in section 1 of this act, except upon first hypothec, and all expenses including expenses of registration shall be at the charge of the borrower.

Security for loans, &c.

3. The debentures mentioned in this act shall be issued under the signature of the mayor, the countersignature of the secretary-treasurer and the seal of the city corporation. They shall bear interest half-yearly from the date to be agreed upon and the rate of such interest shall not exceed four and one half per cent per annum.

Debentures how issued, &c.

4. The said debentures shall be payable to bearer or to order within a specified period of years, either in this Province or elsewhere, as the council may order; coupons to the amount of the half-yearly interest thereon may be attached to the debentures, which coupons shall be signed by means of a stamp bearing the *fac-simile* of the signature of the secretary-treasurer of the council, the whole in accordance with the act 8 Edward VII, chapter 86, article 16.

Debentures how payable.

Coupons, &c.

5. The issue of the debentures mentioned in this act shall be effected on the conditions set forth in articles 242 and 243 of the act 1 Edward VII, chapter 44, as regards the establishing of a sinking fund and the payment of interest.

Sinking fund &c., law to apply to.

6. The first two paragraphs of article 137 of the act 11 Edward VII, chapter 44, are replaced by the following :

11 Ed. VII, c. 44, s. 137, amended.

" 137. At the first meeting of the month following that of the yearly election, the council shall appoint two persons to examine and audit the city accounts and books, and they shall take the following oath of office."

Auditors.

Id., s. 19,
amended.

7. Paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of article 19 of the act 1 Edward VII, chapter 44, as amended by the act 5 Edward VII, chapter 43, section 3, and replaced by the act 8 Edward VII, chapter 86, section 2, are replaced by the following :

Proprietors,
&c., entitled
to vote.

“ 1. Every male person and every widow or spinster whose name is entered on the valuation and assessment rolls in force as a *bonâ fide* owner or occupant of immoveable property, in the city, of the assessed value of two hundred dollars or upwards, according to said roll ; in cases where such property is held in usufruct, the name of the usufructuary shall alone be entered on the electors' list ;

Husbands of
certain pro-
prietors, &c.

“ 2. The husband of any woman separated as to property, when the latter is possessed, as owner or usufructuary, of immoveable property in the municipality, of the assessed value of two hundred dollars or upwards, according to the valuation roll in force, or when she carries on trade or keeps a place of business which renders her subject to the payment of a tax, and when such place of business is entered on the collection roll as being of the annual value of not less than forty-eight dollars ;

Tenants, &c.

“ 3. Every male person, being a resident householder in the city under a lease, whose name is entered on the valuation and collection roll in force as tenant of a dwelling house or part of a dwelling house, in the ward for which the list is made, of the annual value of forty-eight dollars or upwards, according to such rolls.”

Coming into
force.

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

CHAP. 85

An Act to amend the charter of the city of Sorel

[Assented to 7th May, 1909]

Preamble.

WHEREAS the municipality of the village of St. Joseph de Sorel, in the county of Richelieu, has, by its petition, represented that it is in the interest of its rate-payers that the charter of the city of Sorel, the act 52 Victoria, chapter 80, and its amendments, be amended in such manner that the said city of Sorel cannot trespass on the rights given the said municipality by the Municipal Code, with respect to ferries over waters separating one local municipality from another ;

Whereas, it is expedient to grant the prayer to that effect contained in the said petition ;