

10. Apart from those mentioned in this act, powers, rights, privileges and obligations similar to those possessed by church-wardens under the law, are given to the trustees for the collection of the moneys of the assessments, the works to be done, the suits to be taken out, and generally all matters concerning the ends of this act. Powers of trustees, re collection of money, &c.

11. The trustees may insure the church and dependencies against fire. Insurance of church, &c.

12. The trustees shall render an account of their administration annually, during the month of January, to the freehold inhabitants assembled in regular meeting. Account by trustees.

13. *L'Oeuvre et Fabrique* of the parish is authorized to employ the surplus of its receipts over expenses to the payment of the loan or loans guaranteed by it as aforesaid, and also to contract itself all loans it may deem expedient for such purposes. Application of net receipts to payment of loans, &c.

14. The quorum of the trustees when the latter are assembled in meeting, shall be three. The questions submitted to the trustees assembled at a meeting shall be decided by the vote of the absolute majority of the trustees present. When the votes are equally divided, the chairman shall, in addition to voting as trustee, have a casting vote as chairman. Quorum of trustees, &c. Casting vote of chairman, &c.

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

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An Act to amend the act 7 Edward VII, chapter 117, respecting the building of a new church at St. Joseph d'Alma

[Assented to 25th April, 1908]

WHEREAS the trustees of the parish of St. Joseph d'Alma have, by their petition, represented :

That the act passed at the last session of the Legislature presents, in its application, certain serious drawbacks which would entail unnecessary expense and formalities ;

That it is in the interest of the present and future freeholders of the parish to adopt a more simple and economical method of preparing the act of assessment and of levying the necessary moneys to pay the loan authorized by the said act 7 Edward VII, chapter 117 ;

Preamble.

And 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 :

7 Ed. VII, c. 117, s. 10, replaced. **1.** Section 10 of the act 7 Edward VII, chapter, 117, is replaced by the following :

Basis of assessment. **" 10.** The assessment shall be based on the valuation rolls then in force in the municipality or in each of the municipalities comprised in the parish.

Id. s. 11, replaced. **2.** Section 11 of the act 7 Edward VII, chapter 117, is replaced by the following :

Form of act of assessment, &c. **" 11.** Such act of assessment shall be made in the form indicated by article 3408 of the Revised Statutes, and shall specify the amount of money, for which each lot or other immoveable has been assessed. Such act shall not be subject to homologation by the commissioners, but an appeal shall lie therefrom, within one month following the notice given under section 11*d*, as in the case of the municipal valuation roll, to the Magistrate's Court of the district and in the same manner.

Appeal therefrom, &c.

Effect of appeal.

The appeal shall also have the effect of suspending the coming into force of the act of assessment until the court has given its decision.

Amending of roll, &c.

" 11a. If the valuation rolls in force in each of the said municipalities forming part of the said parish, or any of them, cannot, in the opinion of the trustees, serve for an equitable allotment amongst the Catholics of the various municipalities, the trustees shall amend such valuation roll or rolls or make one or more others, as the case may be, in connection with the assessable property of the said municipalities.

Valuation roll for unorganized territory, &c.

They shall, however, prepare a valuation roll for the assessable property forming part of the territories not yet organized into municipalities, and not having, in consequence, any valuation roll. They may amend such roll every year and shall renew it every three years.

Contents of such rolls.

" 11b. The roll or rolls that the said trustees shall have the right to make or to amend according to the foregoing section, shall comprise an exact statement of the lots of land and other immoveables then granted by the Government, as well as the outlays and improvements on land occupied by squatters situated in each municipality or in the territory not yet organized, with the exception of those exempt from such assessment, their extent and their value, as well as the names of the real or presumed owners thereof.

“ **11c.** After such roll or rolls have been made or amended, they shall remain deposited for fifteen days in the office of the secretary of the trustees or with the *curé* of the parish of Saint Joseph d'Alma, and public notice of such deposit shall be given in the manner required for municipal notices in each of the municipalities concerned and, in the case of the territory not yet organized, at the door of the parochial church. Such notices shall specify the day, the place and the hour at which complaints, if any, shall be taken into consideration by the said trustees. On the day specified in the notices, the trustees shall take into consideration the verbal or written complaints that may have been submitted by any interested party against any valuation contained in such roll or rolls, shall hear the parties and their evidence, and shall take cognizance of all proofs filed. The trustees may, at such sitting, correct any wrong valuation in such manner as to them may seem fair and equitable. The roll or rolls so made or amended, examined or corrected, shall be signed by the trustees present and shall then come into force, without any other formality, or the purpose of any assessment to be levied under this act.

Deposit of
roll, and
notice, &c.

Hearing of
complaints,
&c.

Corrections
in roll, &c.

“ **11d.** The act of assessment prepared as aforesaid, shall, after having been signed by the trustees, be deposited in the office of their secretary-treasurer. Notice of such deposit shall be given on the Sunday following, be publicly read and posted up at the door of the parochial church at the issue of Divine morning service. Instead of being read at the church door, the notice may be read from the pulpit at the parochial mass.

Deposit in
secretary-
treasurer's
office, &c.

“ **11e.** The assessment shall become due and exigible, one month after the giving of the notice under the foregoing article, and be payable at the office of the secretary-treasurer or to his agent, in a single instalment or in two instalments at the date or dates specified.”

Assessments
when due, &c.

3. The following section is added after section 12 of the said act 7 Edward VII, chapter 117 :

Id. s. added
after s. 12,

“ **12a.** After the expiration of such thirty days the trustees may sue for the recovery of the assessments due and exigible, according to the method indicated in article 3413 of the Revised Statutes”

Suits for as-
sessments.

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

Coming into
force.