

private enterprise, or to grant exemption from taxation thereto, shall come into force until it is approved of by a majority in number and real value of the proprietors of real estate whose names appear in the valuation roll, which approval must be declared by a vote taken in the manner prescribed in articles 4531 to 4537 of the Revised Statutes.

General
repeal and
effect thereof.

37. All acts affecting the town of Richmond, inconsistent with the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed ; but the repeal of such acts shall not be understood as affecting any rights accrued, any matter or thing done or required to have been done, contracts or agreements made by or with the town, appointments, resolutions, decisions, orders and other proceedings of the council, debentures, promissory notes, shares or obligations issued, or by-laws made under and by virtue of such acts, or rolls of assessment ; but such matters and things, debentures, promissory notes, obligations, by-laws and rolls of assessment or valuation, and the sinking funds to be provided, shall continue to be regulated by such acts, until they shall be changed, altered, replaced or repealed by any proceeding adopted in virtue of this act, in which case, all such matters and things, resolutions, decisions, orders or proceedings, debentures, promissory notes, contracts, agreements, appointments, obligations, by-laws or rolls of assessment or valuation shall be regulated and controlled by this act.

Coming into
force.

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

CHAP. 51

An Act to amend the act 56 Victoria, chapter 59,
incorporating the town of St. Laurent

[Assented to 28th March, 1901]

Preamble.

WHEREAS the town of St. Laurent has, by its petition, represented that the act 56 Victoria, chapter 59, incorporating the town of St. Laurent, no longer meets the requirements of the said municipality, and in particular that it is necessary to define the boundaries of the said municipality in a precise manner ;

Whereas it has prayed for amendments to its charter, and it is expedient to grant its prayer ;

Therefore, His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows :

1. Article 1 of the charter of the town of St. Laurent, 56 V., c. 59, the act 56 Victoria, chapter 59, is replaced by the following : art. 1, replaced :

"1. The town shall comprise the following territory, to wit : That portion of the parish of St. Laurent bounded on the north-east by the remaining and non-subdivided portion of lot No. 251 of the cadastre of the parish of St. Laurent, (the portion of lot No. 251 comprised in the limits of the said municipality being taken in a straight line from the north-west side to the north-west division line of lot No. 250, and bounded on the north-east by the division line between lot No. 251 and the land now owned by Joseph Groulx, *filz*, and bearing the official number 252) ; by Côte St. Marguerite ; by No. 373 from which, however, shall be excepted the lot occupied by Philemon Cousineau, advocate, which lot shall be included within the limits of the municipality ; by No. 375, by the remaining portion of No. 406, taken in a straight line with the north-east line of No. 407 ; on the north-east by the Côte St. Laurent road ; on the south-east by the Côte St. Laurent road, the public highway, the Côte de Liesse road ; towards the south-west by the Côte de Liesse road, by the non-subdivided portion of lot No. 467 and by lot No. 468 ; to the west by Côte Vertu road, and by the remaining portion of lot No. 242 belonging to Henri Deslauriers and to the Reverend *Sœurs de Ste Croix* (all the lots now sold and detached from the said lot No. 242 to be included within the corporation limits) and on the north-west by the Rimbault stream, and by the remaining and non-subdivided part of the said lot 242 ; (the non-subdivided portion of the said lot 242, which shall be included in the corporation limits, shall be taken in a straight line with the dividing line of lots Nos. 250 and 251)." Limits of the town.

2. The following article is inserted after article 3 of the said charter ; Art. added after 56 V., c. 59, art. 3.

"3a. Where the dividing line between the town of St. Laurent and the municipality of the parish of St. Laurent is a public road, each property owner shall be responsible for the portion of the road in front of his property. Nevertheless the council of the town of St. Laurent may, by resolution, order that the work to be done on such road by the rate-payers of the town of St. Laurent be done by the council and that the cost of such work be assessed upon all the property owners liable for the maintenance of the road." Proviso if road divides town from parish.

3. Article 5 of the said charter is replaced by the following : 56 V., c. 59, art. 5, replaced.

"5. The east part shall comprise that portion of the town from the middle of Decelles Avenue to the eastern extremity of the town. East part.

West part. The west part shall comprise that portion of the town from the middle of Decelles Avenue to the western extremity of the town.

Division between the two wards north of the public road. On the north side of the public road, the two wards shall be divided by the division line between the property of the Reverend *Sœurs de Ste. Croix* and the property of *l'œuvre et fabrique* of the parish of St. Laurent."

56 V., c. 59, art. 7, replaced. 4. Article 7 of the said charter is replaced by the following :

Corporation to be represented by mayor and aldermen. "7. The corporation shall be represented by a mayor and by six aldermen elected every second year. Three aldermen shall be elected in one ward and three in the other.

Aldermen for each ward. The council may, by resolution, number each of the seats of such aldermen, and the election shall take place in each ward for each alderman, by designating him under the number given him by the council, and if more than one candidate is nominated for each of such seats, the election shall be held only for the seats for which several candidates are nominated.

Election to be by ballot and law applicable. Officer to preside; &c. The election shall be by ballot, and all the provisions respecting provincial elections that may apply *mutatis mutandis* to election by ballot, shall apply to the said town of St. Laurent. The secretary-treasurer of the municipality or some other person appointed by the council shall be the presiding officer of the election, and he may appoint assistants for each poll to be held. Such election shall be held for each ward at the place determined by the council. The presiding officer shall have the same powers as the returning officer in a provincial election, respecting the holding of the election and the proclaiming of the result of the election, and the council may make such by-law as it may deem necessary to that end.

When election to be held. Powers of presiding officer. The secretary-treasurer shall give public notice, at least eight days before the election, of the day, hour and place of the election. The first election under this article shall take place on the second juridical Monday of January, 1903, and the voting, if necessary, on the following Monday, and so on in subsequent elections."

Notice of election. First election. The term of office of the mayor shall expire in January, 1903.

Art. added after 56 V., c. 59, art. 18. 5. The following article is inserted in the said charter after section 18 :

Taxes upon certain non-resident traders. "18a. For imposing and levying upon every peddler and upon every non-resident merchant, brewer, seller of beer and other liquors, selling or offering goods for sale within the corporation limits or taking orders for goods to be after-

wards delivered within the limits of the town of St. Laurent, or any non-resident baker or butcher selling or offering his wares for sale or taking or causing orders to be taken for his wares, a yearly tax or license not exceeding fifty dollars."

6. Article 20 of the said charter is replaced by the following :

56 V., c. 59,
art. 20, re-
placed.

"**20.** Every loan or obligation whatsoever having the effect of binding the rate-payers in a sum raising the total municipal debt to more than \$1500, shall, before coming into force, be approved and ratified by the majority in number and in value of the municipal electors being proprietors of land upon which houses are built, who shall vote on such by-law to that effect.

Approval
required for
certain loans.

When making such loan or incurring such obligation, the council shall, by by-law, order the imposition of a special tax sufficient to pay the annual interest and establish a sinking fund of two per cent."

Tax to be
levied when
making loan.

7. Articles 21, 22, 23 and 24 of the said charter are replaced by the following :

56 V., c. 59,
art. 21 to 24,
replaced.

"**21.** The council shall have the right to pass any by-laws it may deem expedient in connection with sidewalks within the limits of the municipality, their making and maintenance ; and the council shall be bound to have the sidewalks made of such width as it may deem advisable, when called upon so to do by a rate-payer, in the new streets of the corporation, within a delay of six months from the demand made by the rate-payer to the council.

By-laws re-
specting side-
walks.

"**22.** The council shall have the right to impose an annual tax or license on every owner of a male and female dog within the limits of the municipality ; and the owners of such dogs who refuse to pay such tax imposed by a by-law of the council, shall be liable to a fine not exceeding ten dollars or to an imprisonment not exceeding eight days, on summary conviction before a magistrate or justice of the peace for the municipality, and this for each year, and the council may likewise order the destruction of such animals if their owners have not paid for their licenses.

Taxes on dogs,
&c.

"**23.** The council shall likewise have the right to purchase, from any owner of new streets or public parks within the limits of the municipality either through a deed of gift, purchase or otherwise, the ownership of such streets or public squares ; nevertheless if such purchase has the effect of creating a debt upon the rate-payers of the municipality, the contract cannot be entered into unless approved by the electors who are rate-payers of the municipality in the manner above prescribed."

Power to ac-
quire certain
property, &c.

R. S., 4498,
replaced for
town.

8. Article 4498 of the Revised Statutes shall not apply to the town of St. Laurent, but is replaced, for the town, by the following :

Valuation roll
and what to
contain.

It is the duty of the valuator in office to make every second year the valuation of the taxable property of the municipality according to the real value. They shall likewise make the valuation of the annual value of such property and enter it in the roll in a separate column. They also enter in the roll the names of the tenants, and the amount of the yearly rent paid by each of them. The council shall have power to revise such valuation roll every year and make any alterations therein it may deem advisable. The qualification of the valuator shall be three hundred dollars only.

Art. added
after 56 V.,
c. 59, art. 32.

9. The following is added after article 32 of the said charter :

By-laws re-
specting
stoning of
roads and tax
therefor.

" 32a. The council may make such by-law as it deems advisable with reference to the stoning of the streets within the limits of the municipality, and impose an annual tax, not exceeding one dollar per lot, on all lots in the municipality situated on a street not at present stoned, which, in its opinion, should contribute to the stoning of such streets. The council shall not take for the stoning of such streets any money other than that derived from the special tax imposed under this article.

Proviso.

How long to
be imposed.

Such tax shall not be imposed for more than ten years."

Coming into
force.

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

CHAP. 52

An Act to incorporate the town of Grand'Mère

[Assented to 28th March, 1901]

Preamble.

WHEREAS, the corporation of the village of Grand'Mère has, by its petition, prayed :

That a portion of the territory of the parish of Ste Flore be annexed to its present territory, the whole now forming the territory comprised in the decree of the canonical erection of the religious parish of *St. Paul de la Grand'Mère*, issued by the ecclesiastical diocesan authorities of Three Rivers on the 2nd June, 1900 ;

That, in view of its increased territory, the act 61 Victoria, chapter 61, be revised and consolidated so as to incorporate