

C A P. L X.

An Act to amend the act incorporating the city of Sorel.

[Assented to 10th March, 1899.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS the city of Sorel has, by petition, prayed for amendments to its charter, 52 Victoria, chapter 80, and to the act 55-56 Victoria, chapter 52, amending the same; and whereas it is expedient to grant its prayer;

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

52 V., c. 80,
art. 621 re-
placed.

Penalty for
infringement
of by-laws.

1. Article 621 of the act 52 Victoria, chapter 80, is replaced by the following :

" 621. Whosoever offends against any by-law having force and effect in the said city is, for each offence, liable to the fine and imprisonment specified in such by-law conformably with the provisions of article 602 of the said act, limiting the punishment for such offences; but the court trying the offence, may, at its discretion, impose both penalties together against the offender, provided the by-law decrees such punishment, for a repeated offence or otherwise, and the levying of the fine with costs of suit, by distress and sale of the goods and chattels of the offender, may be ordered by the conviction, or omitted therefrom without mention thereof, as the court may deem expedient."

Id., 594, re-
enacted.

2. Article 594 of the said act, repealed by the act 55-56 Victoria, chapter 52, section 12, is enacted as follows :

Calling in and
redemption of
debenture
debt, &c.

" 594. It shall be lawful for the council of the said city to recall and convert any debenture or debt with the consent of the debenture holders and of the creditors; and every new issue of bonds may consist of bonds payable at a stated term, or of bonds payable by drawing lots, or finally of any species of bonds used in financial transactions."

Id., 545, re-
placed.

3. Article 545 of the act 52 Victoria, chapter 80, as replaced by the act 55-56 Victoria, chapter 52, section 7, is again replaced by the following :

Levying
amount due
for assess-
ments, &c.,
by distress
warrant.

" 545. If any person shall neglect to pay the assessments, taxes or other municipal dues imposed upon him for the space of fifteen days after the above-mentioned special notice, the secretary-treasurer shall levy the amount thereof under a warrant signed by the mayor, the pro-mayor, the recorder or two aldermen, authorizing the seizure and sale of the moveables and effects of the person bound to pay the

same or of any moveables and effects in his possession, wherever such moveables and effects shall be found within the limits of the city.

The warrant shall be addressed to a bailiff of the superior court of the Province of Quebec for the district of Richelieu, or to any police constable of the said city, who is hereby authorized to seize and sell the said moveables and effects in the customary manner.

Address of warrant and proceedings thereunder.

4. Article 661 of the act 52 Victoria, chapter 80, is replaced by the following :

Id., 661, replaced.

"**661.** The judgment of the recorder's court, in civil matters, is executory at the expiration of fifteen days from the date thereof in all cases where the defendant was summoned by writ of summons, except in suits for ejectment against tenants, in which judgment may be executed after a delay of twenty-four hours."

When judgments of recorder's court may be executed in civil matters.

5. Article 492 of the said act is replaced by the following :

Id., 492, replaced.

"**492.** The council may, by one or more by-laws, establish a tariff and rates for the supply of water from the water-works, and may also regulate the time and mode of payment.

Tariff for water supply.

The council is also empowered to make special agreements with the parties interested, to supply water for the use of steam-engines, breweries, distilleries, manufactories, livery-stables, hotels, and for all other special cases ; and, in every instance where the person receiving or being entitled to obtain water from the said water-works, neglects or refuses to pay the tax, assessment or charge exigible, it shall be lawful for the said city to cut off the water from such person's buildings, and cease to supply them with water ; but such person shall, nevertheless, remain responsible for the said arrears and be bound to pay the same as well as any tax or assessment becoming due thereafter in virtue of the said by-laws."

Power to make special agreements for supply of water to certain establishments, &c.

6. The following clause is added to article 533 of the said act :

Id., 533, amended.

"On all traders, merchants, dealers, manufacturers, bankers, brokers and money-changers, auctioneers, grocers, bakers, butchers, hucksters, proprietors or occupants of houses of public entertainment, taverns, coffee-houses, and eating-houses, retailers of spirituous, vinous or fermented or other liquors, proprietors of wood-yards or of coal-yards, slaughter-houses, laundries, printing establishments, bookbinders, cabinet-makers, carriage-makers, tin-smiths, plumbers, pawnbrokers, livery-stable keepers, inspectors or traders in ashes, pork, beef, flour, butter or other produce or pro-

Taxes on certain trades, &c.

visions ; on railway companies, telegraph or telephone companies, light companies, makers or suppliers of motive power, insurance companies, steamboat, or steamship companies, and of companies using vessels propelled by mechanical power, or their agents, doing business in the city ; on the proprietors or managers of theatres, billiard-rooms, nine-pin alleys, or other games of the kind, and, generally, on all trades, manufactures, callings, business, arts, professions or means of profit or livelihood be they hereinbefore enumerated or not, which are now or may hereafter be exercised or operated in the said city, a business-tax at a rate not exceeding seven and a half per cent., in lieu of that of six per cent. previously imposed, and which shall continue to be leviable upon tenants or occupants of private houses or residences ; which said business-tax shall be leviable upon the annual value of the premises occupied by the said parties in the city, in which they carry on their business, or practise their trades, manufactures, callings, arts, professions, or means of profit or livelihood, besides the license charge which it shall be lawful for the council to impose for exercising any of the said callings, trades, arts, professions, traffic or pursuit, in the said city, which license shall not exceed the amount fixed and limited by the provisions of the said act."

Id., 433,
amended.

7. The following clause is added to article 433 of the said act :

Aid to persons establishing abattoir, &c.

" Favor any person, association or company, under such guarantees as may be proper to exact, for building, operating and maintaining a public slaughter-house, with all proper restrictions as to the tariff of charges which shall be exigible ; grant to any such enterprise a special privilege as to the slaughtering of cattle within the city limits, with such advantages as regards exemption from taxes as may be lawful and established by by-law ; such by-law shall limit the duration of the privilege and set forth the conditions and obligations attached to its maintenance, and shall declare that the enjoyment of the privilege shall cease before the appointed time, owing to the non-accomplishment of the said conditions and obligations."

Id., 595, replaced.

8. Article 595 of the said act is replaced by the following :

Maximum of debenture debt.

" **595.** The total issue of the city debentures with the amount constituting the floating debt, shall never exceed an amount equal to thirty per cent. of the total estimated value of taxable real estate in the city, according to the last valuation roll then in force ; provided always that the provisions of article 4530, subsections 1 and 2 of the town corporations' general clauses'

act, which are hereby declared to apply to the city of Sorel, may be also followed to establish the legal limit of the said indebtedness."

9. Article 155 of the said act is replaced by the following: Id., 155, replaced.

"**155.** The presiding officer receives the nomination-papers and nominates the candidates proposed by such nomination-papers. Presiding officer to receive nominations.

When there shall be only three aldermen to be elected, each nomination-paper after the third, shall mention the candidate in opposition to whom another candidate is proposed; and, in such case, a poll shall be held for recording the votes in favor of each candidate when there are candidates in opposition; but in the contrary case, that is, where there shall be no opposing candidate, the candidate nominated shall be deemed and declared unanimously elected." Contents of nomination-paper in certain event.

10. Article 139 of the said act is replaced by the following: Id., 139, replaced.

"**139.** The mayor shall, henceforth be elected for two years by the vote of the majority of the electors of the city." Election of mayor for two years by vote of electors.

11. Article 559 of the said act is replaced by the following: Id., 559, replaced.

"**559.** The payment of municipal taxes may be claimed by an action brought, in the name of the city, before the magistrate's court, the recorder's court, the circuit or the superior court, or before the mayor; and in every such action, a statement or detailed account sworn to by the secretary-treasurer or city-clerk shall be sufficient proof of the claim subject to contrary proof like all other evidence." Suits for taxes, &c., before what court to be brought. Proof of claim.

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

C A P. LXI

An act to amend the charter of the city of St. Henri.

[Assented to 10th March, 1899]

WHEREAS the city of St. Henri has, by its petition, Preamble. represented that it is expedient to amend certain provisions of its charter, to grant it more ample powers, to grant it authority to effect a loan to enable it to meet its obligations and engagements, and to perform certain per-