

11. The *fabrique* of the said parish is authorized to aid the said trustees with its moneys in paying for such works, provided such contribution is approved of by the majority of the freehold inhabitants in regular meeting assembled. *Fabrique may assist trustees carrying on works.*

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

CAP. XCII

An act respecting the rebuilding of the church of the parish of *Saint-Jean-Baptiste de Montréal*, and the payment of such rebuilding.

[Assented to 10th March, 1899.]

WHEREAS the *curé* and churchwardens of *l'Œuvre et Fabrique* of the parish of *Saint-Jean-Baptiste de Montréal* have by petition represented: Preamble.

That the Catholic church of the parish of *St-Jean-Baptiste de Montréal*, and the sacristy adjoining the same, as well as the parsonage and its dependencies, were destroyed by fire on the 29th day of January, 1898;

That the parishioners of this extensive parish have in consequence of the said disaster been compelled to rebuild their church and its dependencies as soon as possible;

That on the 27th day of February, 1898, at a meeting of the Catholic freehold inhabitants of the said parish, it was resolved to rebuild the church with the sacristy and parsonage immediately, and to pay for such work, after deducting the sums then available, by voluntary subscriptions, if possible, and by assessments, if the voluntary subscriptions should be unsuccessful;

That, for the purpose of obtaining such subscriptions, a committee was formed, consisting of Doctor A. Germain, Onésime Martineau and Noé Leclerc, and it was decided, at the same time, that these three persons should form part of the board of trustees, if an assessment should be considered necessary;

That, on the 8th day of August, 1898, at a meeting of the freehold inhabitants, the proceedings of the previous meeting were again confirmed and approved, as well as the action of the *fabrique* under all the circumstances;

That it was again decided that, if such voluntary subscriptions should be unsuccessful, application should be made to the Legislature to levy an assessment to the amount of \$115,000.00 in capital payable in fifty years, renewable

every year and based on the valuation roll of the city of Montreal, such assessment to comprise and annul the one already in existence ;

That, at the said meeting, Ol. Vallière, Joseph Lauzon, Edouard Roy, A. Germain, Onesime Martineau and Noé Leclerc were appointed trustees for the purpose of said assessment ;

That the said resolutions were approved of by the Catholic ordinary of the Bishopric of Montreal ;

That the rebuilding of the church has been commenced in view of the urgency of the work, and is now fairly advanced ;

That the persons appointed to collect voluntary subscriptions have reported to the *Fabrique* that the said subscriptions had not succeeded, and it would be better to have recourse to an assessment as being the fairest and most equitable mode ;

Whereas it has, by the said petition, been prayed that an act be passed to this effect, and it is expedient to grant the same ;

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

Certain trustees incorporated.

Name.
Powers.

1. Ol. Vallière, Joseph Lauzon, Edouard Roy, Dr. A. Germain, Onésime Martineau, and Noé Leclerc are hereby appointed and constituted trustees for the purposes of this act, and they shall form a corporation, a quorum whereof shall be four, and of which the *curé* shall *ex-officio* form part, under the name of the " Trustees of the parish of *Saint-Jean-Baptiste de Montréal*," with all the powers conferred by law upon corporations of trustees constituted under the general act.

Assessment upon property of R. C. freeholders for certain works.

Proviso.

2. The said trustees shall levy, by assessment upon the immovable property of the Catholic freehold inhabitants of the said parish, an annual sum not exceeding fifteen cents per hundred dollars of the value of the property assessed, for a period of not more than fifty years, to provide for the payment of the capital and interest and the sinking fund of such capital, if necessary, of a loan, not exceeding one hundred and fifteen thousand dollars, the proceeds whereof shall be devoted to the rebuilding of the church, sacristy, and parsonage and dependencies and to incidental expenses ; provided that the immoveables of the said freehold inhabitants be affected and that the said freehold inhabitants be liable only to the extent of the payments due on such assessment, and provided that the freehold inhabitants speaking the English language, who may form themselves into a distinct parish, shall *ipso facto* cease to be subject to the provisions of this act.

3. The act of assessment shall be based upon the valuation roll of the city of Montreal in force on the 1st of November preceding, and a new one shall be made every year. It shall not be subject to homologation by the civil commissioners acting under the Revised Statutes of this Province; the homologation of the valuation roll of the city of Montreal shall replace such homologation by the commissioners.

Assessment
how based.

4. The sum to be levied each year shall be exigible and payable in annual and consecutive payments at the office of the secretary-treasurer of the trustees, the first whereof becoming due on the 1st of May, 1899. Interest shall be payable upon instalments three months after they become due.

When and
where
amounts pay-
able.

5. The board of trustees so constituted and incorporated is authorized to contract, on the security of the said assessments, a loan sufficient for the carrying on of the said works, provided that the total amount borrowed does not exceed one hundred and fifteen thousand dollars. Such loans may be effected by contract or debentures with or without annuities, as may be deemed preferable.

Power to
raise money
by way of
loan.

How effected.

6. Vacancies among the trustees shall be filled by the vote of the meeting of the *Fabrique* to which the trustees shall be admitted, and whereat they shall have a deliberative voice; the trustees are authorized to appoint a secretary-treasurer, and to grant him a remuneration. Security to the amount of \$2,000, shall be given by such secretary-treasurer. To cover expenses and losses, ten per cent. may be added to the amount of the yearly assessment.

Vacancies in
trust.

A ppointment
of secretary-
treasurer.
Security by
secretary-
treasurer.
Expenses.

7. The *Fabrique* of the said parish is authorized to apply the surplus of its receipts to the payment of the expenses as a contribution towards the payment of such loans, provided such contribution is approved at a meeting of the *Fabrique*.

Application
of surplus
moneys of
parish.

8. The trustees of the said assessment, as well as those of the assesment established under the act 58 Victoria, chapter 91, may keep the religious buildings insured against fire for an amount equal to the amount of the assessment.

Insurance of
buildings
against fire.

9. The acts of this Province 44-45 Victoria, chapter 82, and 50 Victoria, chapter 26, are repealed, and the assessment levied in virtue of the said acts is annulled for the future; but notwithstanding such repeal and annulment, the arrears due are recoverable as if the said acts remained in force.

44-45 V., c.
82, and 50
V., c. 26, re-
pealed.

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

Coming into
force.