

## CAP. LVIII

An act to amend the charter of the town of St. Louis

[Assented to 15th January, 1898]

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS the corporation of the town of St. Louis has, by its petition, prayed, that certain amendments be made to the act 59 Victoria, chapter 55, and to the act 60 Victoria, chapter 64, and whereas it is expedient to grant such prayer ;

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

59 V., c. 55,  
art. 15,  
amended.

**1.** Article 15 of the act 59 Victoria, chapter 55, is amended, by adding after paragraph 4, the following :

Payment of  
taxes required  
to give tenants  
right to vote.

“ 5. Every tenant must, in order to be entitled to vote at the municipal election, have paid all business taxes and licenses.”

59 V., c. 55,  
art. 10 amend-  
ed.

**2.** Article 10 of the act 59 Victoria, chapter 55, is amended by adding, after paragraph 3, the following :

Stamp may be  
used for signa-  
tures of mayor  
and secretary-  
treasurer to  
certificates,  
notices and  
coupons.

“ 4. The mayor and secretary-treasurer of the town may, respectively, affix their signature to the certificates and notices that they are bound to give under the present act, as well as upon the interest coupons of debentures, by means of a stamp, which shall have previously been approved of by the council and which shall be exclusively used for that purpose.

Effect of such  
stamping.

The affixing of the signature by means of such stamp shall, for all purposes whatsoever, be as valid as if the mayor and the secretary-treasurer had signed with their own hands.

Documents so  
stamped to be  
deemed au-  
thentic.

The production of any document or instrument bearing such stamped signatures, shall be *prima facie* evidence of the authenticity of such documents, and of the authority possessed by such officers to affix the same, and, with the exception of the aforesaid officers, every other person is forbidden to use such stamp, under a penalty of forty dollars with or without imprisonment.”

Penalty for  
using stamp  
when unau-  
thorized.

59 V. c. 55,  
art. 13, re-  
placed.  
Quorum.

**3.** The third paragraph of article 13 of the act 59 Victoria, chapter 55, is replaced by the following :

“ The quorum of the council shall be five members besides the mayor or his substitute.”

59 V., c. 55,  
art. 16a re-  
pealed.  
R. S., 4515,  
replaced for  
town.

**4.** Article 16a of the act 59 Victoria, chapter 55, as enacted by section 1 of the act 60 Victoria, chapter 64, is repealed, and article 4515 of the Revised Statutes is replaced, for the town, by the following :

During the month of November following that when a new valuation roll has come into force, the secretary-treasurer makes out, for each ward, an alphabetical list of the names of the persons who, according to such roll, appear to be municipal electors.

List of electors when, and by whom made.

5. The second paragraph of article 16 of the act 59 Victoria, chapter 55, is replaced by the following :

59 V., c. 55, art. 16, amended.

“ The mayor and councillors remain in office for three years, except in the case provided by article 4197 of the Revised Statutes.

Term of office of mayor and councillors.

A general election of the whole council shall be held in the months of January and February, 1898, and, thereafter, in each year one councillor shall be replaced in each ward of the town ; the councillor who is to go out of office shall be designated by drawing lots in the council, at a sitting thereof in the month of December preceding the election, among the councillors of each ward, and so on in subsequent years, to the exclusion of the councillor elected at the previous election.”

General elections when to be held, &c.

6. Article 26 of the act 59 Victoria, chapter 55, is amended by adding, after paragraph 9, the following :

59 V., c. 55, art. 26, amended.

“ 9a. Make rules and draw up regulations respecting persons using bicycles or other vehicles not drawn by horses within the limits of the town ;

Use of bicycles, &c., in town ;

“ 9b. Prevent the throwing, in the streets or public places, and upon the sidewalks, of substances that are dangerous and injurious both for persons and for horses, vehicles and bicycles ;

Throwing substances into streets forbidden ;

“ 9c. Regulate or prevent begging, and prohibit the exhibition of sores and infirmities in the streets and public places of the town ;

Begging ;

“ 9d. Prohibit the passing of stove-pipes through roofs, and determine, in certain cases, the nature of the materials to be used in building roofs ;

Stove pipes through, and materials of roofs ;

“ 9e. Determine the manner of keeping wood-yards and coal-yards, and provide for the measuring of wood and coal ;

Coal and wood-yards ;

“ 9f. Suppress games of skill or of hazard or authorize them by means of permits ; restrict, regulate or prohibit the keeping of public billiard rooms, pigeon-hole table rooms or other similar establishments ;

Games of skill, &c. ;

“ 9g. Regulate the construction of latrines, cellars, sewers and ovens, and also steam-engines of manufactories and workshops ;

Latrines, &c. ;

“ 9h. Permit any constable or police officer to enter and visit, at any hour of the day or night, any house of ill-fame or gaming house, and immediately bring before a justice of the peace in the town any person found in the said house or keeping the same, and contravening the law or by-laws of the

Authorizing police officers to enter certain houses for certain purposes ;

town, and to have such person summarily condemned to a fine not exceeding twenty-five dollars, payable at once and without delay, and, in default thereof, to an imprisonment not exceeding two calendar months ;

Idem taverns,  
&c;

9i. Permit every constable or police officer to enter at all times and at any hour of the day or night, and visit any tavern or place of public entertainment, in order to ascertain that no infringement of any of the by-laws of the town is being committed ;

Arrest of va-  
grants, &c.

9j. Permit every constable to arrest on view every person found drunk or disorderly in the public roads or streets, or in public or in private fields, or any person shouting, swearing or insulting passers-by in the public roads or streets, or loitering by day or night, in public or private roads or in public or private fields, and unable to give a satisfactory account of himself, and bring him before a justice of the peace, who may condemn him summarily, to a fine not exceeding twenty dollars, and to an imprisonment not exceeding two calendar months in default of payment."

59 V., c. 55,  
art. 33, re-  
placed.

7. Article 33 of the act 59 Victoria, chapter 55, as replaced by section 5 of the act 60 Victoria, chapter 64, is again replaced by the following :

Maximum of  
debt of town.

"**33.** The debt of the town shall not at any time exceed fifteen per cent. of the assessed value of the real estate of the town.

Valuation of  
certain prop-  
erty for such  
purpose.

For the purpose of determining such debt, the value of the property occupied by the Montreal Exposition Company, as borne upon the valuation roll, shall be considered as an assessable value.

Certain sums  
not to be com-  
puted in cal-  
culation.

The amounts due by proprietors for the construction of sewers, as well as those due by the Montreal Water and Power Company for the continuation of the water works, which, in virtue of existing by-laws and contracts, are repayable by the proprietors of the said Montreal Water and Power Company, shall not form part of the said debt, provided that if, at any time, the council should exceed the limits above mentioned, every councillor who shall contribute by his vote to exceed such limit shall be personally responsible for all such excess ; provided further that no contract for the construction of a work or for the purchase of goods and materials of a value exceeding five hundred dollars shall be lawful nor shall it be passed by the council or signed by the mayor or any other member of the council in favor of any person, firm or company, unless tenders have been previously asked for by public notice, published three times in one week, in a French and in an English newspaper in circulation in the municipality, and unless the accepted tender has been ratified by at least six councillors.

Proviso, if lim-  
its exceed-  
ed, &c.

"**33a.** The council may by by-law order the erection of a town-hall, but the contract for the erection thereof shall have effect only if the by-law passed for that purpose has been duly approved in the same manner as by-laws respecting loans." Erection of town-hall.

**8.** Article 53 of the act 59 Victoria, chapter 55, is amended by adding, after paragraph 5, the following : 59 V., c. 55, art. 53, amended.

"**5a.** Upon every proprietor, possessor, agent, manager and keeper of a theatre, menagerie, circus, travelling show and other establishments for games and amusements in the town ;" Tax upon proprietor, &c., of theatres, &c.

**9.** Article 53 of the act 59 Victoria, chapter 55, is amended by adding, after paragraph 11, the following : 59 Vic., c. 55, art. 53 amended.

"**12.** A tax not exceeding twenty dollars on every public laundry doing business in the town ;" Tax on laundries ;

"**13.** On each bicycle a sum not exceeding two dollars." On bicycles.

**10.** The following article is added after article 66b of the act 59 Victoria, chapter 55, as enacted by the act 60 Victoria, chapter 64, section 9 : Art. added after 59 V., c. 55, art. 66b.

"**66c.** The town cannot expend more than ten thousand dollars per annum for expropriations and purchases of land, unless it be authorized by a by-law duly approved by the electors in the same manner as for by-laws respecting loans." Town cannot expend more than certain sum for expropriations.

**11.** The following article is added after article 72 of the act 59 Victoria, chapter 55 : Art. added after 59 V., c. 55, art. 72.

"**72a.** The recorder and recorder's court have the jurisdiction of the commissioners' court within the limits of the town, and all the provisions of the Code of Civil Procedure, respecting the jurisdiction of the commissioners' court, and of the procedure before such court, apply *mutatis mutandis*, as the case may be, to the recorder and to the recorder's court." Jurisdiction of recorder's court.

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