

Beds and Bedding.

Iron bedstead, woollen mattress, hair mattress or wool and hair mixed, straw palliasse, woollen pillow and hair pillow, at least two pillow slips per bed ; sheets, at least four per bed ; woollen blankets, at least four per bed ; one quilt, one chair, one chamber. Special beds for unclean and epileptic patients.

CAP. VII.

An Act respecting the Court House at Hull.

[Assented to 9th January, 1897.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS by sections 1 and 2 of the act 49-50 Victoria, chapter 6, being "An Act to change the *chef-lieu* of the judicial district of Ottawa," it was provided that when a court house and gaol should have been built in a suitable manner for all the purposes of the administration of justice, at the expense of the corporation of the city of Hull, the *chef-lieu* of the district of Ottawa might be transferred from the village of Aylmer to the city of Hull ;

Whereas the total cost of the construction of the said court house and gaol, up to the present time, has been \$83,624.68, of which the said corporation has paid the sum of \$15,000, and the Government of the Province has paid the sum of \$14,000, leaving a balance of \$54,624.68, for which the said corporation is responsible ;

Whereas, in addition to the above amount, the Government has paid, up to the present time, for furniture supplied to the said court house and gaol, the sum of \$11,880.84 ;

Whereas certain debentures were issued for the building of the court house at Aylmer, under the acts 12 Victoria, chapter 112, and 18 Victoria, chapter 164, to the amount of \$19,764.97 bearing interest at the rate of eight per cent. per annum, and \$2,000 bearing interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum, the interest and principal of which debentures were to be paid from a fund created under the said act 12 Victoria, chapter 112, by the imposition of a tax on judicial proceedings in the district of Ottawa ;

Whereas there remains a balance due of interest and principal on these debentures, amounting on the 30th June, 1896, to \$17,976.14, for which the said fund is still liable, and to the payment of which the receipts from the tax imposed are by law to be applied ;

Whereas the said corporation has represented that the cost originally contemplated for the said court house and gaol, on the plans furnished by the Government, was

\$37,500, in consequence of which the work was contracted for at that price ; that, after the corporation had spent \$20,000 on these works, the plans were condemned by the Inspectors of Prisons, and that certain proposed changes were consented to by the said corporation, under the impression that they would not cost more than \$10,000 additional, but that the cost of the extras and damages, which was left to the decision of arbitrators, was fixed at the sum of \$33,000 ;

Whereas the said corporation has appealed to the Government of the Province to come to its assistance by guaranteeing its debentures, which it proposes to issue for the payment of the said sum of \$54,624.68, owing by the said corporation for the construction of the said court house and goal, and for the payment of the balance due on the debentures issued under the acts 12 Victoria, chapter 112, and 18 Victoria, chapter 164, amounting to \$17,976.14, or a total of \$72,500.82, and has asked that, on payment of the balance due for the said debentures, the tax imposed under the act 12 Victoria, chapter 112, shall continue to be payable on judicial proceedings in the district of Ottawa, but that the same shall be made applicable towards the payment of the interest and sinking fund of the debentures proposed to be issued by the said corporation ;

And whereas it is desirable to grant the assistance demanded by the said corporation ;

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

1. The corporation of the city of Hull is authorized to issue debentures to the extent of \$73,000, for the purposes set forth in the preamble of this act, any provision in the charter of the said city to the contrary notwithstanding ; and such issue of debentures shall not effect the power to borrow heretofore granted to the said city, and shall not be considered in any computation as to the limit of the borrowing powers of the said city.

City authorized to issue debentures for certain purposes, &c.

2. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may guarantee the payment of the principal and interest of debentures of the corporation of the city of Hull to an amount sufficient to provide the sum of \$72,500.82.

Government may guarantee debentures of city to certain amount

Such debentures shall be for such term of years and to bear such rate of interest as may be approved of.

Term of and interest on debentures.

An annual sinking fund shall also be provided, which shall be sufficient to extinguish the said debentures during the term of their existence, and the said corporation shall be bound to pay the said interest and sinking fund.

Sinking Fund

3. Out of the proceeds of the said debentures, \$17,976.14 shall be paid to the Provincial Treasurer for the purpose of

Application of proceeds of debentures.

redeeming the debentures issued under the acts 12 Victoria, chapter 112, and 18 Victoria, chapter 164, and the balance of the proceeds shall be applied in payment of the amount of \$54,624.68 mentioned in the preamble of this act as owing by the said corporation for the construction of the said court house and gaol.

Tax under 12 V., c. 112, and 18 V., c. 164, to be continued to be paid on judicial proceedings.

Amount to be paid over to city on presentation of cancelled interest coupons, &c.

Proviso in case of default in payment of interest and sinking fund.

Coming into force.

4. After the redemption of the debentures issued under the acts 12 Victoria, chapter 112, and 18 Victoria, chapter 164, the tax imposed by the said act 12 Victoria, chapter 112, shall continue to be payable in the district of Ottawa until repealed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, and the amount received therefrom shall be paid over by the Provincial Treasurer yearly to the said corporation, upon the delivery to him of the guaranteed interest coupons and bonds matured and paid during the year, until such time as the debentures to be issued under the authority of this act are fully paid in principal and interest, which sum shall be applied by the said corporation towards the payment of the interest and sinking fund of the said debentures.

5. In the event of default in the payment of the said interest and sinking fund by the said corporation, at any time, when the same becomes due, the amount by which the corporation is in such default shall be levied by the sheriff of the district of Ottawa, from the rate-payers of the city of Hull, by an equal rate on their taxable real estate according to the valuation rolls then in force; and, for collecting and enforcing such rate and the costs of levying the same, the sheriff shall have all the powers vested in him by the Municipal Code for the execution of judgments rendered against municipal corporations.

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

CAP. VIII.

An Act respecting the Montreal Exposition Company.

[Assented to 9th January, 1897.]

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows:

Contract ratified.

1. The contract contained in the appendix to this act, between the Government and the Montreal Exposition Company, passed on the tenth day of July, 1896, is approved and ratified.