

Loan for
Parent Park
authorized.
Proviso.

11. The city of Quebec may, after the 1st of July next, borrow twenty thousand dollars for the works on the public park known as "Parent Park," provided :

1. That the city council approve of such loan by a vote of two thirds of the members of the whole council ;

2. That the breaking up of the ice in the spring has not damaged the work already done in the said park ;

3. That the city engineer makes a report that he is satisfied that the spring ice and floods will not injure the said park and the bridges leading thereto, in such a manner as to be a source of periodical expense in the future for these works ;

4. That the thirty thousand dollars already spent, and the said twenty thousand dollars above mentioned, are sufficient in every way to pay all the cost of the said park and the bridges leading thereto, and that no other sum than the said thirty thousand dollars and the said twenty thousand dollars be used for the said park.

Act to form
part of acts
amended.

12. This act shall be deemed to form part of the acts which it amends.

Coming into
force.

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

C A P. L X.

An Act to amend the charter of the city of Montreal and its amendments.

[Assented to 9th January, 1897.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS the city of Montreal has, by its petition, represented that it is expedient to grant it more extended powers, and consequently that it is necessary that its charter be amended, 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 :

59 V., c. 49, s.
3, replaced.

1. Section 3 of the act 59 Victoria, chapter 49, is replaced by the following :

When board
of revisors to
meet and du-
ties thereaf-
ter.

"3. The board of revisors shall meet on the fifth day of January, at the hour of ten in the morning, and, after choosing one of their members as chairman, it shall adjourn from day to day until it has disposed of all applications or objections in connection with the list of electors ; and, after hearing such evidence as, from the nature of the case, may be deemed sufficient and reasonable, the witnesses being

previously sworn before one of the members of the board, and the parties interested or their representatives, if they be present, it shall make such additions to or strike names from the list as may be necessary, and correct all errors in the names and all clerical errors which may be found in it ;

Provided nothing in this section contained shall prevent the board from striking from the list the name of any minor or deceased person, or of any tenant who shall appear as not having paid his taxes or water-rate before the first of December, as aforesaid, or of any person who may be reputed deceased at the time of the revision of the list or whose name may be entered more than once on the list for a ward ; provided always, that the list be finally revised before nomination day.

The list so revised and definitely completed shall be certified and signed by the chairman of the said board, countersigned by the city clerk, in his own handwriting or by means of a stamp, according to section 268 of the charter, affixed by himself or by the assistant city clerk, with their initials, and deposited in the office of the city clerk ; and copies of or extracts from such list so revised, containing only the names of the electors entitled to vote as municipal electors, and certified by the city clerk or assistant city clerk as above, shall serve for the municipal elections, and it shall not be necessary to mention in the certificates the number of said electors nor to put the names of the assessors or revisors in the said copies or extracts.

In the event of the revisors restoring the right to vote to voters whose names shall bear the letters ' P. T. ' and ' W. R. , ' they shall affix opposite such names the words : ' Good vote, ' and the chairman or, in his absence, one of the revisors shall put his initials thereto.

The city clerk shall, in the notices, specify the time when the electors must appear before the revisors or submit their petitions.

Every certificate affixed by means of a stamp, as aforesaid, on the municipal or provincial lists, or to copies or extracts thereof, shall constitute a proof *prima facie* that the said stamp has been affixed by the city clerk or assistant city clerk in the manner aforesaid."

2. Section 41 of the act 52 Victoria, chapter 79, is ^{52 V., c. 79, s. 41, amended.} amended by adding at the end thereof the following paragraph :

" The city clerk or assistant city clerk shall put opposite the names of the persons to whom the right to vote shall have been restored under this section, the words : ' Good vote, ' with the date and his initials in ink".

Entry to be made by clerk.

52 V., c. 79, s. 145, amended.

3. Section 145 of the act 52 Victoria, chapter 79, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following paragraph :

Application of section.

“ This section shall apply to the municipal lists, which shall not be impugned on account of irregularities not affecting the result of the election.”

Interpretation.

4. Whenever, in the charter and its amendments, the words : “ list of electors ” are inserted without any other qualification, they shall mean the municipal list.

Fee for license for private butcher's stall.

5. Any law to the contrary notwithstanding, it is declared that in future the license for keeping a private butcher's stall, within the limits of the city, shall be limited to a sum not exceeding fifty dollars per annum.

Additional power to make by-laws to :

6. Besides the matters mentioned in section 140 of its charter, the city is empowered to make by-laws on the following subjects :

Regulate mendicity, &c.

To regulate or prohibit mendicity, to regulate the circulation of bicycles and other vehicles of that kind, and to prevent the exhibition of wounds and infirmities in the streets and public squares of the city ;

Protect morals ;

To protect morals in the streets, public squares and houses of public entertainment and amusement in the city ;

Prevent throwing injurious things into streets, &c. ;

To prevent the throwing in the streets and public squares, and on the sidewalks, of anything whatever which might be dangerous or injurious, as well to the public as to horses, vehicles and bicycles ;

Control public scales.

To have the control of public scales.

Streets, &c., not be opened up without consent of council.

7. In future no company or person shall open the streets of the city and cause works to be done therein without the previous consent in writing of the council of the city, saving as respects companies which exist under previous statutes, which shall remain subject to their natural interpretation.

Tenders to be called before privileges are granted in future.

8. In future the city shall not grant to any person or company any right or privilege whatever, either annual or periodical, unless tenders have been called for during one month, in at least two daily newspapers published in the city, and the city shall grant such right or privilege to the tenderer engaging to pay to the city the highest sum per annum for such right or privilege.

Additional preamble.

9. Whereas the city of Montreal should obtain temporary relief to meet its present liabilities and engagements, which may mature during the course of the year, commencing on the 1st January, 1897, as hereinafter set forth :

Whereas it will have no means of meeting the said obligations;

Whereas the failure to meet the same as they mature may entail additional expense, costs and litigation upon the city and the accumulation of interest charges ;

Whereas there are certain works which are necessary and which are urgent, and which it will be necessary to provide for during the said year 1897, as also hereinafter stated :

1. The city of Montreal is hereby authorized to effect loans, not exceeding in the aggregate the sum of \$212,440, for the purpose of meeting the following present engagements and liabilities, which have been incurred over and above the limits of its borrowing power ; and which loans shall be effected, from time to time, for the payment of the following items, as the same may mature, and not otherwise ;

1. On account of the amount due by the city for Harbor improvements, for the amount now due and for such as may become due during the year, in all not to exceed.....	\$ 75,000
2. Bridge <i>re</i> Canadian Pacific Railway depot, balance of appropriation.....	5,440
3. On account of Canadian Pacific Railway, eastern depot, contribution by city towards cost of building.....	50,000
4. St. Catherine street expropriation, additional charge to city under new law	45,300
5. Lagauchetière street expropriation, additional amount payable by the city under judgment of the court	13,200
6. Judgments of court for damages to date, now due	20,000
7. City's contribution for Verdun Dyke	3,500
Total.....	\$ 212,440

And the said city of Montreal is also authorized to effect a loan of an additional amount of \$375,000, which shall be applied to such of the following works as may be necessary and approved of, under the provisions of this act, during the year 1897, and which shall be distributed and expended only as follows :

Road Committee, for sidewalks, streets and drains	\$ 117,000
Water Committee, for reservoirs, pipe-laying and machinery.....	110,000
Market Committee.....	50,000
Fire Committee, for stations	30,000
Police Committee, for stations.....	20,000

Mount Royal Park, Parks and Ferries Committee.	\$	5,000
Health Committee, for stables.....		7,000
“ “ for civic hospital.....		10,000
City Hall Committee, for sanitary works.....		10,000
Fire Committee, for Firemen's Benevolent Fund		10,000
Contribution for fund in behalf of widows of deceased firemen.....		3,000
Contribution <i>re</i> British Medical Association.....		3,000
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Total.....	\$	375,000
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Application of sums borrowed.

2. It shall in no case be lawful to change or alter the amounts borrowed for the foregoing purposes, so that an amount unexpended for one of the said objects shall be applied for any other or others ;

How loan to be effected.

3. The above mentioned loans shall only be effected by means of temporary obligations for terms maturing not later than the first of May, 1899 ; and shall be effected at different times, only as required in connection with the foregoing purposes and after the same have been resolved by a vote of the majority of the members of the entire council ; the said obligations shall be valid only when certified by the city controller to the effect that they are made in accordance with, and for the objects for which the loan in each case is authorized ; they shall be signed by the mayor, the city clerk, and the city treasurer, and shall be redeemable out of the revenue account, or otherwise, and shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding four per cent. per annum ; and any loan not effected in accordance with the foregoing conditions, and each of them, shall be illegal, null and void.

Council not to place other loans during 1897.

The council of the city shall have no power to place any loans, temporary or otherwise, or to borrow or expend on permanent works, during the year 1897, any sum of money whatsoever, except the sums above-mentioned, except temporarily in anticipation of revenue in accordance with section 124 of the charter, as enacted by the act 59 Victoria, chapter 49, section 11, and any loan effected contrary to the provisions of this section shall be illegal, null and void.

Proviso.

Provisions of this act to replace provisions of 57 V., c. 56, s. 13, respecting certain payments.

5. Notwithstanding the provisions of the act 57 Victoria, chapter 56, section 13, or of any other act to the contrary, or the provisions of this act, the special reserve or annual payment of \$375,000 in each of the years 1896 and 1897, for the carrying out of permanent improvements, is repealed and cancelled, and replaced by the provisions of this act.

Coming into force.

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