

council for services performed or to be performed by such member of the municipal council, in his official capacity, whether it be service rendered by himself, directly or indirectly, or through a third party, and for the prosecution of any business before the council or before any committee thereof, may recover the same, at any time, by suit at law, in any court of competent jurisdiction.

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12. Every person, called as a witness under this act, shall be admitted and be compellable to give evidence; notwithstanding that such person may have an interest in the matter in question.

Interested person as witness.

13. Any person omitting or refusing, without just cause, sufficiently to answer all questions as to which a discovery may be sought, within the above time or such extended time as the judge may allow, or to render any testimony in virtue of this act, shall be deemed to be in contempt, and punished accordingly; but no answer given by any person so heard as a witness can be alleged against him in any prosecution under this act or any other act of the Legislature of Quebec, if the judge has given him a certificate establishing that he has claimed the right to be excused from answering, for the reason above given, and has given full and truthful answers, to the satisfaction of the judge.

Penalty for refusing to answer.

Protection of witnesses.

14. Any person accused before a judge, under the provisions of this act, shall be heard personally, or by attorney, and may make his defence and produce his witnesses.

Appearance by attorney, &c.

15. Every suit, under the provisions of this act, shall be instituted by a *qui tam* action, under the provisions of articles 887 and following of the Code of Civil Procedure.

Provisions applicable to suits.

16. The term "member of a municipal council" shall include municipal councillors, aldermen and delegates to the county council.

Interpretation.

17. The provisions of this act shall not affect any recourse which may exist under any other act or under the common law.

Other recourse not affected.

CAP. XLIII.

An Act respecting abuses prejudicial to agriculture.

[Assented to 12th January, 1895.]

WHEREAS chapter 26 of the Consolidated Statutes for Lower Canada, intituled: "An act respecting abuses prejudicial to agriculture," and its amendments, was repealed by the Revised Statutes of the Province of Quebec,

Preamble.

and the municipalities which are not governed by the Municipal Code have thus been deprived of the benefits of the provisions of the said act ;

Whereas, for the advantage of the said municipalities, it is necessary to re-enact such of the provisions of the said chapter 26 and its amendments as have not been consolidated and reproduced in the said Revised Statutes ;

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

C. S. L. C., c. 26, in so far as not reproduced in R. S., restored.

1. The provisions of chapter 26 of the Consolidated Statutes for Lower Canada, and its amendments, which have not been consolidated and reproduced in the Revised Statutes of the Province of Quebec, are restored for all municipalities not governed by the Municipal Code.

Appointment of rural inspector in certain municipalities.

2. When the charter of any of these municipalities does not provide for the same, the council thereof shall, in the month of March every two years, appoint a rural inspector, whose duties shall be the same as those of such officer under the Municipal Code.

Coming into force.

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

CAP. XLIV.

An Act to amend the ordinance 3 Victoria, chapter 31, intitled : " An ordinance to provide for the improvement of the roads in the neighbourhood of and leading to the city of Montreal, and to raise a fund for that purpose," and the several ordinances and acts amending the same.

[Assented to 12th January, 1895.]

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

Composition of board of trustees.

1. On and after the first Monday in the month of March next, the trustees of the Montreal turnpike roads appointed under the authority of the ordinance of Lower Canada, 3 Victoria, chapter 17, shall be replaced by two trustees appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, and by three other trustees to be elected, in the manner herein-after provided, by the holders of bonds or debentures of the trust.

Powers of trustees.

2. The trustees so appointed and elected shall possess the same powers, fulfil the same duties and be subject to