

3. The commissioners named for each of the said expropriations are hereby empowered to act in order to give effect to the present law. Commissioners authorized to proceed.

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

CAP. LVIII.

An Act to amend the acts respecting the corporation of the city of Quebec.

[Assented to 8th January, 1894.]

WHEREAS it has been represented, by petition, that it is expedient to amend certain provisions of the various acts respecting the corporation of the city of Quebec ; Preamble.
Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows :

COUNCIL OF THE CITY.

1. Paragraph 2 of section 2 of the act 33 Victoria, chapter 46, is replaced by the following section : 33 V., c. 46, s. 2, § 2, replaced.

“ No person shall be entitled to vote for the election of an alderman unless he is proprietor of immoveable property in the said city of the annual assessed value of twenty-five dollars or more, nor unless his name is inscribed on the list of electors entitled to vote for the election of an alderman for the ward in which he desires to exercise such right of vote.” Qualification of persons to vote for aldermen.

2. The following paragraph is added after paragraph 2 of section 31 of the act 53 Victoria, chapter 68 : Par. added after 53 V., c. 68, s. 31, § 2.

“ If the fifteenth day of December is a non-juridical day, the delay mentioned in this section shall only extend to six o'clock in the afternoon of the preceding juridical day.” Proviso if 15th December is a non-juridical day.

3. Paragraph 4 of section 31 of the act 53 Victoria, chapter 68, is replaced by the following : Id., s. 31, § 4, replaced.

“ Between the fifteenth and the thirtieth day of December, in each year, the valutors or assessors shall prepare for each ward, according to the assessment books for the current civic year, two alphabetical lists, to wit : one list containing the names of all those who, according to the said books, appear to have the right to vote in such ward for councillors, and another list containing the name of all those who, according to the said books, appear to have the right to vote for aldermen.” Preparation of alphabetical lists of persons having right to vote : For councillors ; For aldermen.

51-52 V., c. 78, s. 48, replaced. **4.** Section 48 of the act 51-52 Victoria, chapter 78, is replaced by the following :

Polls if more than one candidate at partial election and publication of notice. **“ 48.** If there be more than one candidate at a partial election, the city clerk shall establish one or more polls for the ward in which the election is to be held, the description of which polls shall be published two clear days before the voting, in an English or a French newspaper of the city, and the voting for such election shall take place at such polls.”

Officers, &c., at partial elections. **5.** The appointment of officers and all other proceedings at such partial elections shall be the same as for the general elections.

Declaration of persons elected at a partial election. **6.** After the ballot boxes used for a partial election have been brought back to the office of the city clerk, the latter shall, at once, on the day of the voting, count the ballots and declare elected the candidate having the greatest number of the votes polled.

Id., s. 49, replaced. **7.** Section 49 of the act 51-52 Victoria, chapter 78, is replaced by the following :

When candidate elected at a partial election enters into office. **“ 49.** In the case of a partial election, as aforesaid, the candidate elect shall enter into office immediately after his election.”

TAXES.

Id., s. 51, replaced. **8.** Section 51 of the said act is replaced by the following :

Basis of valuation for assessing real estate. **“ 51.** In assessing the real estate in the city, the assessors shall take, as the basis of their valuation, the *bona fide* rentals thereof or the interest upon the real value of such property, if they consider the rental is an unfair one and disproportioned to the value of the property assessed.

If proprietor is also occupant. If the property is occupied by the proprietor himself or is in his possession, the assessors shall determine the amount of the assessment to be paid on and according to the rental which the property might be worth and should bring or on the real value of such property.

Vacant lots. Vacant lots shall be assessed upon their real value.”

FINANCES.

Id., s. 58, replaced. **9.** Section 58 of the said act is replaced by the following :

Limit of taxes. **“ 58.** The total amount of the taxes for any civic or fiscal year shall not exceed two per cent of the assessed value of the property.

10. Notwithstanding any provision of any previous law to the contrary, when, in future, the city shall issue bonds or debentures to which interest coupons shall be attached, the signature of the city-treasurer on such coupons may be written by himself, or a *fac-simile* of such signature may be stamped, lithographed or printed thereon.

How signature of treasurer may be affixed to coupons.

This provision shall also apply to the debentures, the issue whereof may have been previously authorized.

Application of section.

11. The city is authorized to borrow a sum of three hundred thousand dollars by means of debentures to be issued at a rate of interest not exceeding four and one half per cent, and the proceeds thereof shall be applied to the payment of the debt of the said city to the *Caisse d'Economie Notre-Dame de Québec*.

Power to borrow certain sum for certain purpose.

12. In order to effect such loan, the city is authorized to issue bonds or debentures, as it may deem necessary, for the objects above mentioned, for such amounts, repayable in this Province or elsewhere, in Canadian currency or in currency of other countries, at such dates, with such interest and in such manner as may be agreed upon between the city and the lenders or bondholders.

Issue of bonds for that purpose.

13. Such debentures shall be made and registered in the same manner as those the issue whereof has been heretofore authorized.

How made and registered.

14. The authorization to issue the said bonds or debentures shall not be interpreted as having lapsed after a first issue, but such power may be exercised from time to time until the bonds or debentures constituting such issue are withdrawn or paid and duly cancelled.

Power to issue to continue until bonds are paid, &c.

ERECTION OF WOODEN BUILDINGS.

15. Subsection 2 of section 35 of the act 29-30 Victoria, chapter 57, section 17 of the act 45 Victoria, chapter 100, section 12 of the act 50 Victoria, chapter 57, and section 29 of the act 53 Victoria, chapter 68, are repealed.

29-30 V., c. 57, s. 35, § 2, 45 V., c. 100, s. 17, 50 V., c. 57, s. 12, 53 V., c. 68, s. 29, repealed.

16. It is forbidden to build or erect any house or building whatsoever or repair the exterior walls of any such house or building, or make or repair any portion of the roof or exterior covering of any house or building, otherwise than with incombustible materials.

Incombustible materials alone to be used in making or repairing houses, &c.

Brick-lined houses and sheds covered or lined with sheet-iron or brick are considered as built with incombustible materials.

What are considered incombustible materials.

Proviso as to wharves.

It shall, however, be lawful to construct wooden wharves and to erect, on such wharves, wooden buildings covered outside with metal.

Materials for roofs.

17. Every roof shall be of sheet-iron, tin, zinc or slate, or other incombustible material which may be adopted or prescribed by a by-law of the city council.

Penalty for infringing preceding provisions.

18. Every infringement of the provisions of the two preceding sections shall be punishable by a fine not exceeding thirty dollars, and, in default of payment, by an imprisonment not exceeding thirty days.

Penalty if building is not removed.

2. If the party so condemned does not cause such building to be removed within the eight days following such condemnation, such party may be sued for a further similar fine for every day he neglects to have such building removed or to comply with the law.

CONSTRUCTION OF RAILWAYS IN THE STREETS.

Power to allow railways, &c., to place rails on streets.

19. The city shall have power to grant to railway and street railway companies, making use of electricity, horses or other motive power, permission to make use of the streets for the purpose of laying their rails.

Proceedings by council for that purpose, &c.

20. The city council shall first determine by resolution all the conditions on which it intends to grant such permission; and, when the city and the said company shall agree upon all the said conditions, a by-law shall be made and passed by the said city council comprising all the said conditions of the said permission, the said by-law to come into force only after the passing of a notarial contract between the parties, based on the said by-law and in conformity therewith.

STREETS.

Opening of street between Hamel and Charlevoix streets.

21. The strip of land communicating between Hamel and Charlevoix streets, in Palace ward, as shown on the official cadastre as a projected street, may be opened as a street to its present width.

Opening of certain streets in St. Valier ward.

22. The projected streets on the plan of the official cadastre of the land known as St. Maloville, or other streets in St. Valier ward, may be opened to the width given them on the said plan.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Power to cancel a carter's

23. Whenever the Recorder's Court, on the trial of the holder of a carter's license, or a driver of a vehicle for

the owner of such license, for a penal offence committed in the exercise of his calling of a carter, finds the conduct of the defendant as a carter is unworthy and contrary to good order, it may order the cancelling of such license or the suspension thereof for an indefinite period, during which such license cannot be used.

license in certain cases.

24. The council of the city is hereby authorized to submit to the vote of the proprietors, a by-law to authorize a loan of two hundred and fifty-six thousand dollars, for three years, to the Great Northern Railway Company, by means of debentures bearing four per cent interest, payable in three years, subject to the following conditions :

Power to submit to proprietors by-law for loan to Great Northern Railway upon certain conditions.

1. Whenever a section of ten miles of road shall have been completed, and twenty thousand dollars of debentures shall in consequence have to be delivered to the company, the company shall deposit in cash, in a bank chosen by the city, to the credit of the city, the amount of interest for three years upon the said debentures ;

2. To insure the payment of two hundred and fifty-six thousand dollars of the said debentures at their maturity, such security, as the city council may exact, must be given, and such security, together with all other conditions, shall be specified in the by-law authorizing the said loan, to be submitted to the proprietors.

25. Notwithstanding the provisions contained in this act or in any other act, the election of members of the said city council, which should be held in the month of February, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, shall be held in the month of March next, the nomination to be on the second Monday of the said month of March.

When elections for 1894 to be held.

The delay for making the electors' lists for the said approaching elections is extended to the thirtieth January, eighteen hundred and ninety-four. Such list shall be deposited in the office of the city clerk from the second to the twelfth of February next, and be revised between the twelfth and twentieth of the same month.

Delay for making lists. Deposit and revision, &c.

The members elected at such election shall enter into office on the second of April next, on which day they shall elect the mayor, and their term of office shall extend to the first of March, eighteen hundred and ninety-six.

Entry into office of persons elected.

The present members of the council shall remain in office until the election of their successors.

Present members.

26. Section 6 of the act 56 Victoria, chapter 50, is repealed.

56 V., c. 50, s. 6, repealed.

27. Whenever the snow on any street alongside of an unoccupied house or building, or vacant lot belonging to a

Removal of snow by city in certain cases.

person not residing in the city, shall not be removed at the time fixed for so doing by the by-laws, the city surveyor, or any foreman employed by the city for the inspection of roads, may have such snow removed at the expense of the city, and the sum so expended may afterwards be recovered from the persons in default to remove such snow by action before the Recorder's Court of the city.

29 V., c. 57,
s. 36, § 29,
amended.

Hydrometers
to be placed
in certain in-
stitutions.

Rate for
water.

Payment for
hydrometers
and for plac-
ing same.

Inspection
thereof at any
time.

28. Subsection 29 of the act 29 Victoria, chapter 57, section 36, is amended by adding the following thereto :

“ Nevertheless, the city shall be bound to place hydrometers, to regulate, determine and measure the quantity of water to be supplied by the said water-works to any institution or religious or teaching community, already exempted by law from taxation, situate within the limits of the said city, which shall apply therefor in writing, and to supply them water, as aforesaid, at a rate fixed by the city council, but not to exceed forty cents per thousand gallons of water, except charitable institutions supported by public subscriptions, such as the *Sœurs de la Charité de Québec*, incorporated by the act 16 Victoria, chapter 264, and the Asylum of the Good Shepherd, Quebec, incorporated by the act 18 Victoria, chapter 233, Jeffery Hale Hospital, St. Bridget's Asylum, and the Ladies' Protestant Home, for whom the rate shall not exceed fifteen cents per thousand gallons of water. The institutions or communities which shall have obtained hydrometers, as above provided for, shall pay to the city the cost thereof and place them in position at their own expense ; and the city shall have the right to inspect the hydrometers whenever they deem it expedient so to do.”

Id., s. 32, §§ 2,
3, 4, 5 and 13,
repealed.

Inconsistent
provisions
repealed.

Act to form
part of
amended acts.

Coming into
force.

29. Subsections 2, 3, 4, 5 and 13 of section 32 of the act 29 Victoria, chapter 57, are repealed.

30. Every provision of law inconsistent with the provisions of this act is repealed.

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

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

SCHEDULE C.

BALLOT PAPER FOR ALDERMEN.

1	AUGER, JEAN, (merchant)	X
2	GARIÉPY, PIERRE, (carpenter)	
3	LANGLOIS, ARTHUR, (notary)	
4	MORISSET, SÉVÈRE, (manufacturer)	X
5	WRIGHT, PETER, (advocate)	
6	YOUNG, JOHN, (joiner)	X

ANNEX.