

Proviso if works not executed, &c.

Tolls in such case.

By whom payable.

bridges ; and, if the works so ordered are not executed by the municipality or municipalities liable therefor, within the time prescribed by the said Commissioner, the latter may, if he deems it advisable, have the same executed and exact payment therefor, either by suit in the ordinary manner, or by levying tolls on the said roads or bridges, at the rates which the Lieutenant-Governor in Council shall fix, until the cost of such works is repaid ; such tolls are exigible from the rate-payers of the municipality in default only.

Application of R. S., arts. 1842a and 1842b to certain bridges.

“**1842d.** Articles 1842a and 1842b shall apply to all metal and wooden free bridges which are exempt from tolls already built or which shall be built hereafter, wholly or partly by the Government.

Preceding articles not to relieve railway companies from maintaining their own bridges, &c.

“**1842e.** Nothing in the four preceding articles shall be interpreted as relieving railway companies from the obligation of maintaining certain bridges, which are now or may hereafter be under their charge; neither shall any thing in the present section be interpreted as imposing the cost of the works of maintenance and repair of bridges or roads upon other persons, other than those who may be bound thereto, in virtue of *procès-verbaux*, by-laws or deeds of agreement in force on the subject.”

CAP. XXIII.

An Act to amend the law of Public Instruction.

[Assented to 27th February, 1893.]

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

Arts. added after R. S., art. 2035.

1. The following articles are added after article 2035 of the Revised Statutes :

Capitalization of debts of city or town.

“**2035a.** Any school corporation in a city or town may, with the authorization of the Lieutenant - Governor in Council, upon the report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, capitalize the debts by it lawfully contracted or to be contracted and stipulate for the payment thereof by annuities covering a period of not more than fifty years.

Payment thereof by annuities.

Annuities what to include.

“**2035b.** Such annuities include the interest and the proportion of the capital which is to be paid yearly to extinguish the debt at the date agreed upon.

"**2035c.** The said corporations may, with the authorization of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, issue, for the payment of such annuities, debentures maturing every six months or every year until the loan is paid off." Debentures may be issued to pay annuities.

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

C A P . X X I V .

An Act to amend the law respecting judicial organization.

[Assented to 27th February, 1893.]

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

1 The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may, by proclamation, abolish the Circuit Court, sitting in the district of Montreal, and establish in the city of Montreal, for the said district, a special court of record under the name of the "Circuit Court of the District of Montreal." Abolition of the Circuit Court at Montreal and erection of a District Court. Name of the court.

2. Such court shall be composed of two judges called "Circuit Judges of the District of Montreal," who shall be advocates of ten years' practice, be chosen from among the members of the Bar of the Province, and be appointed by the competent authorities. Composition of the court.

3. No such Circuit judge, so long as he occupies such office, can be a Senator or member of the House of Commons or of the Executive Council, Legislative Council or Legislative Assembly of the Province, nor fill any other office under the Crown. Judge, not to be Senator, &c.

4. All the powers now possessed by the judges of the Superior Court and the duties imposed upon them respecting the affairs, proceedings, matters and things within the jurisdiction of the Circuit Court, sitting in the district of Montreal, are hereby conferred and imposed upon the Circuit judges of the district of Montreal. Powers of judges.

5. One of these judges shall preside over the court alone, but they may both sit at the same time in different rooms and exercise all the powers of the court. Judge to sit alone, &c.

6. The jurisdiction of the said court is the same *mutatis mutandis*, for hearing and deciding civil matters, as that exercised under the law by the Circuit Court abolished under the authority of this act. Jurisdiction of the court.