

"**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.

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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.

Place of sittings.

7. Until otherwise decided by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, the place of the sittings of the new court, the offices of the officers and the rooms necessary for the deposit of its archives, shall remain the same as those now occupied for the same purposes by the said Circuit Court abolished under the authority of this act.

Officers of the Court.

8. The present officers and employees of the Circuit Court shall, without new appointment, be the officers and employees of the new court.

Bailiffs.

9. The bailiffs of the Superior Court are at the same time bailiffs of the Circuit Court established under the authority of this act, and are subject to its orders.

Continuation of cases before the Circuit Court.

10. At the time of the coming into force of this act, any cause or proceedings commenced and pending before the Circuit Court, abolished under the authority of this act, shall be continued, heard and decided by the judges of the Superior Court as if this act had not been passed; but the executions and all other proceedings after the final judgment fall within the jurisdiction of the new court and of the judges thereof.

Archives and records.

11. The records, archives, plumitifs, books and papers of the Circuit Court, when abolished under the authority of this act, shall, until otherwise decided by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, remain in the places where they are now deposited and kept, as belonging to the Circuit Court erected under the authority of this act, under the exclusive control of such court and of the judges thereof.

Certain provisions of the Code of Civil Procedure applicable.

12. All the provisions of the Code of Civil Procedure and other provisions respecting the Circuit Court of the said district, are applicable *mutatis mutandis* to the Circuit Court established under the authority of this act and to the judges presiding over such court.

Interpretation.

13. The words "Circuit Court of the district of Montreal," "Circuit Court of Montreal," or simply "Court" or "Circuit Court," whenever referring to the Circuit Court sitting in the district of Montreal, wherever found in the Code of Civil Procedure or in any other law, shall mean and include the "Circuit Court of the district of Montreal" established under the authority of this act.

2. The words "judges of the Superior Court," "judge" or "judges," whenever referring to their powers and duties respecting the affairs, matters and things connected with the Circuit Court sitting in the district of Montreal, shall

mean the judges of the Circuit Court of the district of Montreal, established under this act, and the judges of the Superior Court.

3. The words "Clerk of the Circuit Court" or "clerk," and the words designating any other officer or employee, whenever referring to the Circuit Court sitting in the district of Montreal, shall mean the clerk or other officer or employee of the Circuit Court of the district of Montreal, established under the authority of this act.

14. The judges of the Superior Court have, respecting Powers of the Court established under the authority of this act, the judges of Superior Court. same powers as the judges of the said Circuit Court.

15. All acts and parts of acts, inconsistent with the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed. Inconsistent acts.

16 This act shall come into force upon the day which the Lieutenant-Governor in Council will be pleased to fix by proclamation. Coming into force.

CAP. XXV.

An Act to further amend the law respecting district magistrates.

[Assented to 27th February, 1893.]

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

1. The following articles are added after article 2544m Arts. added of the Revised Statutes, added by the act 52 Victoria, chap- after R. S., ter 30, section 1: art. 2544m.

" 2544n. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council, whenever he shall deem it expedient in the interests of the administration of justice, may, by proclamation, abolish the magistrates' court for the city of Montreal. Abolition of the magistrates' court for the city of Montreal.

" 2544o. From and after the day mentioned in such proclamation, all proceedings had and commenced before the said magistrates' court shall be continued before the Circuit Court for the district of Montreal. Continuation of proceedings.

" 2544p. The records, registers, documents and archives of the Magistrates' Court for the city of Montreal shall be transmitted to the office of the clerk of the Circuit Court of the district of Montreal, to form part thereof. Records and registers.