

version of the act 54 Victoria, chapter 82, section 8, are legal and valid to all intents and purposes, as if the said error had not existed.

3. This act shall come into force on the day of its sanc- Coming into force.  
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## C A P. L I X.

An Act to incorporate the Town of St. Laurent.

[Assented to 27th February, 1893.]

**W**HEREAS the majority of the rate-payers and inhabi- Preamble.  
tants of that portion of the municipality of the parish of St. Laurent, in the county of Jacques-Cartier, which is bounded on the north-east by the remaining portion of number 251 of the cadastre, the Côte Ste. Marguerite road, numbers 373, 375, the remaining portion of number 406, Côte St. Laurent road, and number 613 ; on the south-east by the Côte St. Laurent road, number 611, the public highway and the Côte de Liesse road ; on the south-west by number 583, the Côte de Liesse road, numbers 466, 454, 465, the Côte Vertu road, and the remaining portion of number 242 ; on the north-west by the Raimbeau stream, have prayed to be incorporated as a town separate from the parish of St. Laurent, under the name of the "Town of St. Laurent" ;

Whereas it is in the interest of the petitioners that they be incorporated as a town, separate and distinct from the parish of St. Laurent, and whereas it is expedient to grant their prayer ;

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

### ORGANIZATION OF THE CORPORATION.

1. The Town of St. Laurent shall comprise the following Limits town.  
territory, to wit :

That portion of the said parish of St. Laurent which is bounded on the north-east by the remaining portion of number 251 of the cadastre, the Côte St. Marguerite road, numbers 373, 375, the remaining portion of 406, Côte St. Laurent road and number 613 ; on the south-east, by the Côte St. Laurent road, number 611, the public highway, and Côte de Liesse road ; on the south-west by number 583, Côte de Liesse road, numbers 466, 454, 465 the Côte Vertu road, and the remaining portion of number 242 ; on the north-west by the Raimbeau stream.

**Inhabitants incorporated.** **2.** The inhabitants and rate-payers of this municipality shall be constituted a town corporation, under the name of the "Town of St. Laurent," for municipal purposes only.

**Effect of act limited.** **3.** This act shall not affect the present territorial division, for parochial, school and registration purposes.

**Division of town into two parts.** **4.** The town shall be divided into two parts: the east part and the west part.

**East part.** **5.** The east part shall comprise that portion of the town, starting from the division line between the properties of Benjamin Edouard Gohier (No. 433 of the cadastre) on the one side, inclusively, to the extremity of the town.

**West part.** The west part shall comprise the other portion of the town starting from the division line between the properties of Fabien Filiatreault (No. 435 of the cadastre) on the other side, to the extreme west of the town.

**Laws to govern.** **6.** The said municipality or corporation shall be governed by the law respecting town corporations (articles 4178 and following of the Revised Statutes), except in so far as the present act may derogate therefrom, or contain provisions inconsistent therewith.

#### MUNICIPAL COUNCIL AND MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

**Corporation to be represented by mayor and aldermen.** **7.** The corporation shall be represented by a mayor and six aldermen, the first of whom shall be elected annually and the latter every two years.

**How many for each ward.** Three shall be elected in one ward and three in the other.

**Qualification of mayor and aldermen.** **8.** The mayor must be proprietor of real estate of the value of at least five hundred dollars and situated within the town, and the aldermen be proprietors of real estate of the value of at least three hundred dollars, also situated in the town, over and above all debts with which they may be charged.

**First election.** **9.** The first election of mayor and aldermen shall take place within two months after the coming into force of this act.

**Appointment of presiding officer.** The Lieutenant-Governor in Council shall appoint a person who shall preside at such first election, and shall fix the date for such election.

**Roll for first election.** **10.** The first election shall be made according to the valuation roll in force on the date of the sanction of this act, in the said parish of St. Laurent.

**11.** Subsequent elections shall be held on the second Monday in January of each year for the mayor, and every second year for the aldermen, commencing on the second Monday of January in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-five. When subsequent election to be held.

**12.** The council shall hold its first meeting, within the limits of the town, at the place indicated by the officer presiding at the election, and the subsequent sittings shall be held in the municipality, at the place designated by the council. First meeting of council.

The person presiding at the election shall perform the duties of mayor until the latter enters into office. Duties of mayor until election.

**13.** The quorum of the council shall be four members including the mayor. Quorum of council.

#### POWERS OF THE COUNCIL.

##### *Taxes and public health and safety.*

**14.** The council may pass by-laws :

Power to levy:

For levying, by means of direct taxes on taxable real estate of the town and on taxable moveables, all sums of money required to meet the expenses of administration, or for other special expenses within the powers of the council ; Direct taxes for certain purposes ;

**15.** For levying, by means of direct taxes, the necessary funds for any object within the powers of the council, upon all taxable property or simply upon taxable real estate of the town, on petition of the majority of the rate-payers, bound to pay such taxes, to the amount and on the conditions so specified in their petition ; Taxes on real estate, on petition of rate-payers ;

**16.** For levying annually, upon real estate within the town limits, a sum not exceeding three quarters of a cent in the dollar of their total value, as entered on the valuation roll of the town ; Annual taxes on real estate ;

**17.** Rural property and property under cultivation, within the town limits, shall be taxed only in proportion to one fourth of their valuation as entered on the said roll ; Valuation of rural property, &c. ;

**18.** For imposing and levying upon every merchant, trader and business firm, doing business of any kind, in a store, warehouse or shop, within the limits of the town, and which the council may, for that purpose, divide into classes, an annual tax of not more than ten dollars, according to their respective classes ; Business tax.

Power to re-strict sale, &c., of liquor. **19.** For restricting or regulating the sale of all spirituous, alcoholic or intoxicating liquors within the limits of the town.

Approval re-quired for cer-tain loans. **20.** Any loan exceeding five hundred dollars, and any servitude or other obligation whatsoever, having the effect of binding the rate-payers, shall, before coming into force, be approved and ratified by the majority of the electors of the municipality, who are proprietors, duly qualified to vote, as aforesaid.

Tax to be levied when making loan. When making any such loan, the council shall, by by-law, order the imposition of a special tax sufficient to pay the annual interest and establish a sinking fund of two per cent.

#### SIDEWALKS.

Construction and mainte-nance of side-walks. **21.** Until it be otherwise ordered by the council, every proprietor shall be bound to make and maintain the sidewalks in front of his property, at his own expense, except in the cases set forth in the following sections.

Where to be made. **22.** From the property of Télesphore Séguin, to the Côte de Liesse, inclusively, sidewalks shall be made only on the west side of the public road or main street, and shall be at the charge of the proprietors immediately adjoining the public road, in proportion to the extent of each lot respectively.

Obligations of subsequent proprietors as to sidewalks. **23.** Every person, who shall become proprietor of lots fronting on the main street, shall be obliged to maintain the sidewalks as above mentioned, and the present proprietors shall be relieved proportionately.

Width of side-walks. **24.** Sidewalks shall have a width of, at least, forty inches on the main street, and the council may, by by-law, increase such width whenever it may deem expedient.

#### MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

Publication of notices. **25.** The publication of a public notice shall consist of posting up a copy in two different places in the town, specified from time to time by a resolution of the council.

How publish-ed. **26.** Every public notice, whatsoever may be the object thereof, shall be published at least seven days before the date fixed for the purpose therein indicated, except when there is a provision to the contrary.

Assets and liabilities of parish of St. Laurent. **27.** The corporation of the parish of St. Laurent shall keep its assets, but shall be solely responsible for its liabilities.

**28.** The corporation of the said parish shall levy, upon the immoveables situated within the new municipality and upon its inhabitants, only the property and personal taxes due at the date of the sanction of this act.

Limit of right of parish to levy taxes.

**29.** The town council shall have access, free of charge, to all the books, documents, records and papers which it may require and which belong to the said parish and to its officers.

Council to have access to books, &c., of parish.

**30.** All acts of the council of the parish of St. Laurent shall be executory in the town until they are repealed by the council of the said town.

Acts, &c., of parish executory in town, &c.,

Nothing in this act shall affect vested rights and particularly the rights, powers and privileges which Théophile Mignerou may have in virtue of any deed, resolution or by-law of the municipal council of the parish of St. Laurent.

Certain vested rights saved.

**31.** The person presiding at the first election shall, in his notice, indicate the place, date and hour at which such election shall be held.

Place, date and hour of first election.

**32.** It shall and may be lawful for all owners of property immediately adjacent and contiguous to the limits of the said town, by notice given by such proprietors to the municipal authorities of the town, and with the consent of the said authorities, signified by a by-law passed by them for that purpose in the usual manner, to ask and obtain that the said property or properties be included within the limits of the town, and so on, successively, for other proprietors owning properties, adjacent to properties so successively included within the limits of the said town, as aforesaid; and upon the said inclusion being declared by a by-law as above described, the said proprietors, whose properties shall be included within the limits of the said town, shall have and possess all municipal privileges and be subject to all the laws, obligations, duties and charges imposed by persons on property originally included within the limits of the said town.

Annexation to town of adjacent properties.

**33.** This act shall not affect pending cases and shall come into force on the day of its sanction.

Pending cases and coming into force.