

Power to build iron bridge or temporarily a wooden bridge on Nicolet River.

“2. This company is authorized to build and own an iron toll bridge with stone abutment and piers (or temporarily a wooden bridge with wooden piers), over the Nicolet River, between the town and the parish of Nicolet, on the site of the old bridge, in the county of Nicolet; to erect a toll-house, a toll-gate and other dependencies, and to acquire and possess the land on both sides of the river required for the abutments, approaches, the house of the toll collector, the right of passage.”

Coming into force.

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

C A P. L X X I V .

An Act to incorporate the “Quebec Exposition Company.”

[Assented to 24th June, 1892.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS the Honorable Philippe Landry, and others hereinafter named, have, by their petition, prayed that a company be incorporated for the purpose of encouraging industry, arts and sciences generally, and of establishing and holding agricultural, industrial, art and other exhibitions in the city of Quebec or vicinity, 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 :

TITLE I.

INCORPORATION OF THE COMPANY.

Certain persons incorporated.

1. The Honorable Philippe Landry, of Villa Mastai, senator; the Honorable John Hearn, M.P., of Quebec; Joseph J. Frémont, advocate, M.P., mayor of Quebec; Isidore Belleau, Q.C., mayor of Levis; John Sharples, merchant; J. Bell Forsyth, collector of customs; Arthur J. Turcotte, M.P., merchant; Gustavus G. Stuart, Q.C.; Jean A. Charlebois, notary; Pierre Théophile Légaré, merchant; the Honorable Henri Gustave Joly de Lotbinière; the Honorable Thomas Chapais and Robert Peel Campbel, Esquire, the nine latter of the city of Quebec, and Hubert Hébert, notary, of the town of Montmagny, and such others as may become shareholders of the company hereby incorporated, shall constitute a body politic and corporate, under the name of the “Quebec Exposition Company,” hereinafter called “the company,” and under such name shall have perpetual succession and a common seal, which they may destroy or alter, and may, as such, sue and be sued.

Name.

Powers.

2. The principal place of business of the company shall be in the city of Quebec, but it may open any other office in such places as it may deem necessary or expedient for its business. Principal place of business and offices.

3. The affairs of the company shall be managed and administered by a board of directors, consisting of twelve members, seven of whom shall form a quorum. Composition and quorum of board of directors.

Each director must own at least two shares in the capital stock of the company. Qualification of directors.

4. These directors shall be elected, with the exception of those mentioned in article 7, who shall remain in office until replaced, in accordance with this act, at the annual meeting of the shareholders. How appointed and term office.

5. From amongst their number they shall choose and elect a president, a vice-president and a secretary-treasurer, and shall appoint all other officers of the company and may remove the same at will. President, vice-president and secretary. Other officers.

6. Until a by-law be passed, establishing how the board of directors shall be called together, the members of the board shall be notified by two directors to attend the meetings. Calling of meetings of board.

Such notice shall be given in writing and be deposited in the post office to the address of each director at least two days before the meeting. Notice therefor.

7. The Honorable Philippe Landry, the Honorable John Hearn, Joseph J. Fremont, Isidore Belleau, John Sharples, J. Bell Forsyth, Arthur J. Turcotte, Gustavus G. Stuart, Jean A. Charlebois, Théophile Legaré and Hubert Hébert, shall be the provisional directors of the company, with all the powers required for its organization and working, and shall remain in office until the election of directors. Provisional directors.

8. The capital stock of the company shall be fifty thousand dollars, divided into five hundred shares of one hundred dollars each. Capital stock and shares.

This capital may be increased to one hundred thousand dollars, by a resolution of the majority of the shareholders, passed at a meeting held for that purpose. Increase thereof.

9. Before the directors of the company undertake to hold an exhibition or commence the operations hereby authorized, at least twenty-five thousand dollars of the capital stock must have been subscribed and ten per cent thereon paid into the hands of the secretary-treasurer of the company. When operations may be commenced.

TITLE II.

POWERS OF THE COMPANY.

Company
authorized :
To hold exhi-
bitions ;

10. The company is authorized :

1. To hold permanent or periodical agricultural, industrial or art exhibitions in buildings, edifices, enclosures and places within the city of Quebec or in its vicinity, and suitable for the exhibition of any kind of objects belonging to the animal, vegetable and mineral kingdoms, of any kind of produce, goods, merchandize, machinery, mechanical invention and improvements of every kind, denomination and species whatsoever and works of art ;

To exhibit
horses, &c. ;

2. To exhibit and develop the particular qualities of the various breeds of horses and other animals ;

To hold, &c.,
real and per-
sonal estate,
&c. ;

3. To hold and acquire real and personal estate by lease, purchase, gift or otherwise, on such terms and conditions as it may agree upon, and to improve and utilize such property by erecting thereon the buildings and houses, and having the work done and improvements made which may be necessary and be deemed expedient for the purposes above mentioned ;

To sell, &c.,
property.

4. To sell, hypothecate and lease, at any time, any property or object whatsoever owned by the company, or to otherwise dispose of the same.

Company
authorized :

11. The company may, on the terms and conditions and for the purposes which the board of directors shall deem expedient :

To charge
fees to exhi-
bitors ;
Grant medals,
&c. ;

1. Exact a contribution from exhibitors for each of the articles mentioned in this act ;

2. Grant, give and pay for medals, prizes and honorary distinctions ;

To lease its
lands, &c. ;

3. Lease its lands or part of its lands, as well as stalls, compartments, rooms and places in each of such buildings or in all parts of its lands and properties during the exhibition and at any other time ;

To charge en-
trance fees to
grounds.

4. Exact an entrance fee from visitors and other persons.

TITLE III.

POWERS OF THE DIRECTORS.

Directors may
make by-law,
for :

12. The directors shall have full power to make, amend, or repeal all kinds of by-laws, rules and regulations, not inconsistent with the provisions of this act, and to enter into any contract :

General man-
agement ;

1. For the general administration of the affairs of the company ;

Obtaining
funds ;

2. For obtaining the funds hereinafter mentioned ;

3. For acquiring lands and buildings, by sale, lease, agreement or by any other method; Acquiring lands;
4. For selling, leasing, hypothecating or otherwise affecting such property, when the same may be considered expedient; Selling, &c., lands;
5. For acquiring, administering, selling and disposing of any moveable or immovable property; Acquiring property, &c.;
6. For making any agreement, stipulation and contract whatsoever with any government, person, corporation, firm or association as may be expedient; Making agreements, &c.
7. For holding annual or periodical exhibitions; Holding exhibitions;
8. For fixing the date of the annual meeting or the method of convening general, special and other meetings of the company or of its directors; Fixing date of meetings, &c.;
9. For the appointment, removal and remuneration of all the employees' agents, clerks, workmen and servants of the company; Appointment of employees, &c.;
10. For fixing the entrance fees to be exacted from persons visiting the exhibitions; Fixing entrance fees;
11. For fixing the entries to be paid by exhibitors; Fixing entries;
12. For the general management of the exhibitions; Management of exhibitions;
13. For the execution of any thing, contract and agreement which may be deemed necessary for attaining the ends and exercising the powers of the company. Execution of contracts, &c.

13. Licenses for the sale of wine, beer and spirituous liquors on the exhibition grounds and within a limit of two hundred yards thereof, may be granted by the Government (but only for the time during which the exhibition is held), on the recommendation of the Quebec Exposition Company; and neither the municipality, within which the exhibitions are held, nor the adjacent municipality shall have power to grant such licenses for selling liquor within the exhibition grounds or within the prescribed limit of two hundred yards, except in the case of yearly licenses within the aforesaid limit, outside of the exhibition grounds, which may have been granted at least three months before the holding of the exhibition. Licenses for sale of liquors how to be granted. Restriction upon certain municipalities as to granting licenses.

The fee for such licenses shall be that fixed by the Government. Fees for licenses.

14. Whosoever, wilfully and maliciously, damages or destroys anything on the exhibition grounds, hinders the employees or servants of the company, or any policeman or constable duly appointed, as aforesaid, in the performance of their duty, or enters the exhibition grounds in opposition to the rules of the company, shall be liable to a fine of not less than one nor more than twenty dollars; which fine shall be recoverable and levied in the city or municipality wherein the exhibition is held, in the manner in Penalty for damaging property, &c., hindering officers, &c.

which such fines are usually levied ; in default of payment, the offender shall be imprisoned in the common gaol for a period not exceeding thirty days.

Gambling shall be prohibited.

15. The company shall, by its by-laws, forbid and prevent all games of hazard on the exhibition grounds and within a limit of three hundred yards.

Regulation of hucksters.

It may regulate or prevent the sale of or traffic in fruit, produce, goods or merchandize on the exhibition grounds.

Removal of offenders.

Every person infringing such rules or regulations, after they have been properly posted up, shall be liable to be expelled by the employees, policemen or constables and to pay the fine mentioned in the preceding article.

Entrance fees to grounds, and control of sale of refreshments.

16. The company is authorized to impose and collect fees for entrance upon its grounds, and to control, within the limits of the property which it owns or leases, the right to sell refreshments, food or produce of any kind.

Power to receive grants from agricultural societies.

17. The company may receive, from agricultural societies already in existence and organized under the general laws of the Province of Quebec, the whole or any part of their annual grant ; and the said agricultural societies or each and every one of them in particular are hereby specially authorized, on the vote of their directors, to give or transfer to the said company the whole or part of their annual grant, from year to year, on such terms and conditions as may be mutually agreed upon between the said societies and the company.

Societies authorized to make same.

Conditions.

Executive committee.

18. The directors may, from amongst their number, select and appoint an executive committee and, from time to time, give such committee each and every power vested in the body of directors themselves, but they may revoke such powers at any time, on a vote of a majority of the directors at a regular meeting.

Powers may be revoked.

Provision as to subscription by the city of Quebec.

19. Notwithstanding any provision in the charter of the city of Quebec, the said city may grant the sum of ten thousand dollars to the said exposition company whenever the latter holds an exhibition therein.

TITLE IV.

ISSUE OF BONDS.

Company may issue debentures for certain sum.

20. The company shall, subject to the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, have the right to issue bonds, to an amount not exceeding its capital stock, bearing interest and secured without special hypothecary registra-

tion, upon the whole or a portion of the grounds, buildings or moveable property of the company.

But such bonds cannot be issued without the consent of the board of directors, which consent shall be given at a meeting specially convened for the purpose and be approved by the majority of the shareholders present at a meeting duly convened. Sanction required.

TITLE V.

EXEMPTION FROM TAXES.

21. Inasmuch as the company is incorporated in the public interest, it is exempt from all commercial taxes and from the payment of all other dues which might be levied by the Government or the municipality, including school taxes. Company exempt from all taxes.

TITLE VI.

AGREEMENTS WITH MUNICIPALITIES.

22. The municipal council of any city, town, village, county, parish or township in this Province may, by a resolution to that effect, by means of grants of land or money, aid the said company or grant it loans or bonuses out of the funds of the municipality, and may effect such loan, or grant such aid on the terms and conditions which may be agreed upon between the company and the council of the municipality. Municipal councils may aid company.

23. The county council or the council of any municipality whatever, as well as the company and its directors, are hereby respectively authorized to enter into contracts or agreements respecting the holding of any exhibition, the granting or accepting of aid for the undertaking, as well as the concession and disposal of grounds and buildings suitable for the purposes of the company, and the representation of the municipality in the company by the appointment of certain of its members as its representatives with the company; and every such council may make by-laws for each and every of the purposes aforesaid, and for the accomplishment of the ends which this act has in view. Agreements respecting holding exhibitions may be entered into with municipal councils.

TITLE VII.

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

24. Article 5164 of the Revised Statutes of the Province of Quebec shall apply to this act and form part thereof, in the event of its being necessary that the company should take proceedings to obtain possession of properties which R. S. Q., art. 5164, to apply

might be useful to the company for the purposes of its undertaking.

Authorization required before proceeding to expropriate.

The company shall, however, before proceeding to expropriate any land obtain the authorization of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to that effect.

R. S. Q., art. 4661 to 4693, also to apply, if not inconsistent.

25. The law respecting joint stock companies shall apply to this company, in so far as it is not inconsistent with the provisions of this act.

Coming into force.

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

CAP. LXXV.

An Act respecting "The Montreal Water and Power Company."

[Assented to 24th June, 1892.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS "The Montreal Water and Power Company." has prayed for an act granting the company extended powers, and for other purposes; and whereas it is expedient to grant the said prayer;

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

Letters-patent of 17th March, 1891, confirmed.

1. The charter of the Montreal Water and Power Company, granted by letters-patent, issued on the 17th March, 1891, is hereby confirmed and ratified, and the provisions of the said charter shall be read herewith, and all powers conferred upon the said company by the said letters-patent are hereby ratified, as though the same had been specially hereby enacted.

Purchase of plant by city of Montreal, if municipalities contracting are annexed.

2. In the event of the city of Montreal annexing any of the municipalities adjacent to the limits of the said city of Montreal who have contracted with the said company for water and electric light, the city of Montreal may, at any time, purchase and acquire all the plant, property and material belonging to the company and used in and for the purpose of supplying the said municipality with water or electric light.

Arbitrators to establish value.

The actual value of such plant, property and material shall be established by arbitrators in the usual way, and no prospective damage for loss of future profits shall be allowed in such valuation.

City to take possession on payment of award.

On payment by the city to the company of the award of the arbitrators, the city shall take possession of all the property so acquired.