

CAP. LXXVII.

An Act to incorporate the town of Bedford.

[Assented to 2nd April, 1890.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS the provisions of the Municipal Code do not meet the present wants of the inhabitants of the village of Bedford and surrounding inhabitants, who are desirous that the same shall be incorporated as a town having a special act of incorporation ; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows :

TITLE I.

ORGANIZATION OF THE CORPORATION.

SECTION I.

GENERAL POWERS.

Certain persons incorporated.

1. The inhabitants of the town of Bedford, as hereinafter described, and their successors, shall be and are hereby declared to be a body politic and corporate, by the name of " The corporation of the town of Bedford. "

Name.

General powers, etc.

By that name, they and their successors shall have a common seal, and shall have all the rights and privileges and be subject to all the obligations of corporations, and shall be separated from the county of Missisquoi for all municipal purposes, and shall have all the powers and privileges conferred upon such corporations by the Revised Statutes of the Province of Quebec, Title XI, chapters first and second.

SECTION II.

TEMPORARY PROVISIONS.

Present by-laws, etc., continued, etc.

2. All by-laws, orders, municipal rolls or acts governing or relating to the territory hereby erected into a town, before its erection as such, shall, in all respects, continue to have force and effect until they have been amended or repealed by the town council to be hereafter elected

Present mayor and councillors of township, etc., continued in office as also present municipal officers.

The mayor and councillors of the municipality of the township of Stanbridge shall remain in office until an election shall have taken place under this act ; and they shall continue to fulfil their duties and have jurisdiction over all the territory known to-day as the municipality of the township of Stanbridge, and over that part thereof to be erected into a town, as though they had been elected under the provisions of this act ; and all the municipal

officers of the municipality of the township of Stanbridge shall so remain until their successors shall have been elected or appointed under this act.

SECTION III.

TOWN LIMITS.—DIVISION INTO WARDS

§ 1.—*Town limits.*

3. The town of Bedford shall comprise all that portion Limits of the of the township of Stanbridge found within the limits of town. lots numbers one to fourteen, both inclusive, of the fifth, sixth and seventh ranges of lots of the primitive survey of the township of Stanbridge; and bounded towards the North by the line of division between lots fourteen and fifteen in the said fifth, sixth and seventh ranges; towards the South by the south outline of lots numbers one in the said fifth, sixth and seventh ranges, being the township line dividing the said township of Stanbridge from the parish of St. Armand West; towards the East by the concession line between the fourth and fifth ranges, from the limits of the parish of St. Armand West, to lots number fifteen in the said ranges, and towards the West by the concession line between the seventh and eighth ranges from the limits of the said parish of St. Armand West, to lots number fifteen in the said seventh and eighth ranges.

§ 2.—*Division into wards.*

4. The town shall be divided into three wards, which Division into shall be known under the names of "North ward," "Centre ward," and "South ward," bounded as follows : wards :

The Centre ward shall commence at a point on the divi- Centre ward. sion line between lots numbers ten and eleven in the seventh range of lots where the west line of the land of the Lake Champlain and St. Lawrence Railway Company crosses the said lot line, and thence following in an easterly direction the division line between lots numbers ten and eleven in the said seventh, sixth and fifth ranges to where the same strikes Pike river; thence to the centre of Pike River and thence in a south-westerly direction, following the centre of the said river to the present line of division between the lands of Joseph Cyr and Mrs S. L. Cloyes; being between lots numbers 2138 and 2136 on the official plan and book of reference of the cadastre of the said township of Stanbridge; thence following this division in a southerly direction and continuing the same to the division line between lots numbers seven and eight in the said fifth range; thence following this division line in a westerly direction between lots seven and eight in the

said fifth, sixth and seventh ranges to a point one hundred and three rods west from the concession line between the said sixth and seventh ranges; thence in a northerly direction parallel to the said concession line between the said sixth and seventh ranges to the south bank of Pike river; thence following the south bank of the said river in an easterly direction to the division line between lots numbers nine and ten in the said seventh range; thence following the said lot line to the west line of the land of the said railway company; thence following the west line of the land of the said railway company in a northerly direction to the place of beginning;

North ward.

The North ward shall be bounded as follows: commencing at the western boundary of the said town of Bedford, where it crosses the centre of the highway leading from Bedford to Stanbridge Station, between lots numbers nine and ten in the said seventh range, thence following the limits of the town in a northerly easterly and southerly direction to the centre of the road leading from Bedford to Stanbridge East, between lots eight and nine in the fifth range; thence following the centre of the said road in a westerly direction to the limits of the said Centre ward; thence following the limits of the said Centre ward in a northerly, westerly and southerly direction to the said highway leading from Bedford to Stanbridge Station; thence following the centre of this highway in a westerly direction to the place of beginning;

East ward.

The South ward shall include all the remaining portion of the said town of Bedford, not included in the said Centre and North wards.

§ 3.—*Change of ward limits.*

Power of council to change limits of wards.

Proviso.

5. The town council to be elected under the provisions of this act and their successors, shall have power to change the limits and extent of the said wards fixed by this section, if it is deemed necessary to do so for the better administration of affairs in the said town; provided always if any proprietor of land in the North or South wards immediately adjacent or contiguous to the limits of the said Centre ward gives a written notice to the council of the said town of his desire to have his property included in the said Centre ward, and the consent of the said authorities is given, by a by-law passed by them for such purpose in the usual manner, that the said property be included in the limits of the said Centre ward, and so on successively for other proprietors having property adjacent to the properties thus successively included within the limits of the said Centre ward, as aforesaid, and upon such being declared to be included by by-law as hereinabove provided, the said proprietors, whose property shall be in-

cluded within the limits of the said Centre ward, shall have and possess all municipal privileges and shall be subject to all the by-laws, obligations, duties and charges imposed upon the persons and property originally included within the limits of the said Centre ward.

6. Article 4472 of the Revised Statutes of the Province of Quebec shall not apply to this act. R. S. Q., art. 4472 not to apply.

SECTION IV.

THE TOWN COUNCIL.

7. The council of the town shall be composed of a mayor and six councillors : to wit, two councillors for each ward ; Composition of town council.

Each councillor shall hold office for a period of two years, excepting for the first election, when three of the said councillors shall retire by lot, one from each ward, at the time provided in article 4196 of the Revised Statutes of the Province of Quebec. Term of office exception.

8. The quorum of the said council shall be five. Quorum.

TITLE II.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

9. The first election for mayor and councillors shall be held within thirty days from the date when this act comes into force, at the town-hall of the said town of Bedford, at the hour of ten of the clock in the forenoon, and shall be presided over by the secretary-treasurer of the municipality of the township of Stanbridge, or, in his absence, by a person named by the majority of the electors present : and the valuation roll in force in the said township of Stanbridge, for that part included in the said town of Bedford, shall be proof of the qualification of electors for the above election of mayor and councillors. First election of mayor and councillors when and where to be held, etc.

Public notice of the said election shall be given in the usual manner of giving public notice in the said township of Stanbridge, eight days previous to the day of the said election by the said secretary-treasurer of the said municipality of the township of Stanbridge. Notice of such election.

TITLE III.

BY-LAWS AND TAXATION.

SECTION I.

POWER TO PASS CERTAIN BY-LAWS.

10. The council shall have power to make and put into force by-laws for the following objects : Power of council by by-law to :

Restrain for
sale of
liquors ;

1. To restrain, regulate or permit the sale of any spirituous, vinous, alcoholic or intoxicating liquors within the limits of the said town ;

Restrain, etc.,
slaughter-
houses ;

2. To restrain, regulate or prohibit any person from constructing, maintaining, keeping or using a slaughterhouse within the limits of the town ;

Abate nui-
sances ;

3. To abate and prevent any nuisance and anything endangering the lives, health or safety of the public in the town ;

Arrest, etc.,
persons dis-
turb public
peace, etc.

4. To arrest and cause the arrest and punishment of all persons in the town disturbing the peace, loitering in the streets, swearing, using profane, obscene or insulting language, or incommoding peaceable passengers, and all drunken persons, drunkards, and every person or persons breaking any by-law of the town respecting public order, peace or health, and to detain such persons or to deliver them to the keeper of the prison or lock-up, or place of safety in the town, until the said persons shall have been brought before the mayor or some other justice of the peace, to be dealt with according to law, provided he be so brought within twenty-four hours after the offence.

SECTION II.

IMPOSITION OF TAXES.

§ 1.—*Ordinary taxation.*

Power to levy
taxes for cer-
tain purposes
upon :

II. In order to raise the necessary funds to meet the expenses of the town council, to provide for the necessary public improvements in the town, and to meet the liabilities it may incur under the provisions of this act, the town council shall be authorized to levy annually on persons and on moveable and immoveable property in the town, the taxes hereinafter designated, that is to say :

Lands ;

1. On all lands, town lots or parts of lots, with all the buildings and erections thereon if any, a sum not exceeding one and one half cent in the dollar of their whole value, as entered on the valuation roll of the town ;

Stocks in
trade ;

2. On all stocks in trade, or goods kept by merchants or traders and exposed for sale on shelves in shops or kept in cellars or storehouses, a tax not exceeding one per cent on the estimated average value of such stocks in trade ;

Tenants ;

3. On each tenant paying rent in the town, an annual sum not less than one dollar, and not exceeding five cents in the dollar, on the amount of such rent, when it exceeds twenty dollars per annum ;

Male inhabi-
tants ;

4. On each male inhabitant, of the age of twenty-one years, who has resided in the town for six months, and is

not a proprietor, tenant, apprentice or domestic servant therein, an annual sum of two dollars ;

5. On every dog kept by any person residing in the town, an annual sum not exceeding three dollars, which sum may be collected from the owner or harbinger thereof.

§ 2.—*Certain other taxes.*

12. It shall also be lawful for the council to regulate by by-law and to impose and levy certain annual duties or taxes to an amount not exceeding fifty dollars in each of the following cases :

Power by by-law to levy taxes upon :

1. Upon all proprietors, possessors, agents, managers and keepers in the town of theatres, menageries, circuses, and travelling shows, of billiard saloons, nine-pin alleys, and other places for games and amusements, of houses of public entertainment, taverns, coffee houses and eating houses ; and in case such persons should come and practise their industry for a time in the town, the council shall have against them the same recourse which is granted to it by article 11 of this act ;

Proprietors, etc., of theatres, etc.

2. On retailers of spirituous liquors, auctioneers, bairiffs, barbers, bakers, grocers, butchers, hawkers, hucksters, carters and livery stable keepers in the town, or proprietors or keepers of wood and coal yards, tanneries and slaughter-houses therein ;

Retailers of spirituous liquors, etc.

3. On money changers, exchange brokers, pawnbrokers and their agents, mercantile clerks and book-keepers, banks, bankers and clerks and agents of banks, insurance and telegraph companies or their agents in the town, proprietors and occupants of mills moved by steam or water power therein, and generally ;

Money-changers, etc.

4. On all commerce, trades, arts and manufactures which have been and may be introduced into or exercised in the town, although not mentioned herein.

All commerce, etc.

13. It shall also be lawful for the town council to impose and levy an annual tax upon every person practising in the town the profession of advocate, physician, notary, dentist, land surveyor, veterinary surgeon or any other liberal profession, not exceeding eight dollars per annum.

Council may levy taxes upon certain professions.

§ 3.—*Special instruction to the valuator.*

14. The council may instruct the valuator to include in the valuation roll a list of persons and moveable property taxed under the foregoing articles, and all the taxes and sums levied in virtue thereof shall be recoverable in law.

Valuator may be instructed to include persons and property, above mentioned.

SECTION III.

LIMITATION OF REVISED STATUTES.

Word "elector" defined for town in R. S. Q., arts. 4531 to 4535.

15. In reference to articles 4531 and following to article 4535 inclusively of the said Revised Statutes of the Province of Quebec, the word "elector" shall mean only proprietors who are in possession of real estate in their own names or in that of their wives, having a valuation of not less than three hundred dollars.

R. S. Q., art. 4546 not to apply to town.

16. Article 4546 of the Revised Statutes of the Province of Quebec shall not be applicable to the town of Bedford.

SECTION IV.

SPECIAL TAXATION.

Council by by-law may levy certain taxes for roads, and bridges etc.

17. The council shall make by-laws in order to levy taxes upon all hereinbefore mentioned taxable property of the said town of Bedford, for all purposes whatsoever, and for the maintaining and rebuilding of all bridges in the said town of a span not less than eight feet; and to satisfy the demand of all obligations that the corporation of the said town of Bedford may be bound to assume on being separated from the present township of Stanbridge; but for the maintaining of roads and all local improvements, each ward shall be taxed separately and pay for all improvements made within its boundaries.

Proviso.

SECTION V.

POWER TO MAKE OTHER BY-LAWS.

Council may by by-law:

18. The council of the town shall also have the right to make, amend, repeal or replace by-laws, for the following purposes:

Forbid trotting, etc;

1. To forbid trotting or racing on bridges or in the public streets faster than a given rate;

Prohibit pipes on roofs, etc:

2. To prohibit pipes on roofs, and to determine, in certain cases, of what materials roofs shall be made;

Regulate wood and coal yards, etc ;
Suppress games of skill, etc,

3. To regulate wood and coal yards and provide for the measurement of wood and coal;

4. To suppress games of skill, hazard or exercise, or to allow them under license, and to restrain, regulate or prohibit the keeping of public billiard saloons, pigeon hole tables and other such establishments.

Regulate construction of privies, etc;

5. To regulate the construction of privies, cellars, drains, and ovens, and the supervision of steam engines of any factory or workshop;

Prevent sweepings, etc., being thrown in streets, etc ;

6. To prevent sweepings, filth or dirt being thrown in the streets, ditches, water-courses or on the sidewalks, and to order the removal of the same, and

Generally to use all the powers conferred upon towns and villages by the Municipal Code.

Use all powers conferred by Municipal Code.

19. All records, minutes of proceedings and papers, now in possession of the said council of the township of Stanbridge, shall continue to form part of the records of the said town of Bedford for the common use of the municipalities formed by the division of the township of Stanbridge.

Records, etc., in possession of council of township of Stanbridge to form part of records of town of Bedford, etc.

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

Coming into force.

C A P. L X X V I I I.

An Act to incorporate the town of Victoriaville and to erect the municipality of the parish of Sainte-Victoire d'Arthabaska.

[Assented to 2nd April, 1890.]

WHEREAS the provisions of the Municipal Code no longer meet the requirements of the inhabitants of a portion of the village of Victoriaville, who wish to be incorporated as a town and to have a special charter ; and whereas the inhabitants residing in the parish canonically and civilly erected, under the name of the " Parish of Sainte Victoire", with the exception of those who reside within the limits of the proposed town, desire to be incorporated as a parish municipality ; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows :

Preamble.

TITLE I.

PROVISIONS RESPECTING THE TOWN OF VICTORIAVILLE.

SECTION I.

ORGANISATION OF THE CORPORATION, LIMITS OF THE TOWN, TOWN COUNCIL, ETC.

1. The inhabitants of the town of Victoriaville, as constituted by this act, and their successors, are declared to be a body politic, under the name of " The Corporation of the Town of Victoriaville" ; under such name they and their successors shall have a common seal, shall enjoy all the rights and be subject to all the obligations of corporations.

Town incorporated.

Name of corporation.

General powers.

They are separated from the county of Arthabaska for all municipal purposes.

Separated from county of Arthabaska.