

CAP. XXVI.

An act to amend the Act of this Province, 44-45 Victoria, chapter 82, intituled : "An Act to facilitate the payment of the debt contracted and of the expenses to be incurred in building the Catholic Church of the parish of St. Jean-Baptiste de Montréal, and to amend the Act 43-44, Victoria, Chapter 37. "

[Assented to 18th May, 1887.]

WHEREAS doubts exist as to the interpretation to be given to the act 44-45 Victoria, chapter 82, and it is expedient to remove such doubts, so as to give the said statute its full and entire effect ; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows :

1. Section 5 of the act 44-45 Victoria, chapter 82, is replaced by the following :

" 5. For the purposes of the present act, three freehold inhabitants of the parish, eligible as churchwardens, shall be elected by the freehold inhabitants of the said parish, at a meeting duly convened ; such election shall be held in the same manner as the elections of churchwardens in parishes where they are elected by a parish meeting.

The persons so elected shall act jointly with the churchwardens in office in such parish, and they shall have all their rights, powers, privileges and duties, but only in so far as relates to the act of assessment, the negotiation of the loan, the collection of the moneys to be levied, their application and, generally, everything connected with the present act.

In the event of a vacancy occurring through the death of one of the persons so elected, as aforesaid, or through any other cause, such vacancy shall be filled by another freehold inhabitant of the parish, eligible as a churchwarden, who shall be elected in the manner above mentioned."

2. Section 6 of the said act is replaced by the following :

"6. The churchwardens in office and the three freehold inhabitants appointed to assist them, as aforesaid, may, from time to time, but not oftener than once in every five years, on the authorization of the majority of a meeting of the Catholic freehold inhabitants of the parish, duly convened, make a new act of assessment, not to alter the total amount to be levied, but to apportion the balance of such amount more equitably, according to the actual value of each property.

How to be made.

Each such new act of assessment shall be made in the same manner as the first and shall include not only the properties assessed in the previous act of assessment or acts of assessments, but also all other property in the possession of Catholic freeholders of the said parish, when such new act of assessment is made."

Id. sec. 7 amended.

3. The said act is amended by adding the following section after section 7.

Certain election declared valid.

"7a. The election of three freehold inhabitants, held for the purposes of the said act, is hereby declared valid, although made by meetings of the freehold inhabitants of the said parish, convened for that purpose, and all deeds, titles or documents whatsoever, signed by the churchwardens in office of the said parish, jointly with the three freehold inhabitants so elected, are hereby declared legal and valid for all purposes whatsoever."

Act not to affect pending suits, &c.

4. This act shall not affect pending suits or proceedings.

C A P . X X V I I .

An Act to amend and explain the act of this Province 32 Victoria, chapter 73, respecting the incorporation of the Roman Catholic Bishops of this Province.

[Assented to 18th May, 1887].

Preamble.

WHEREAS the Roman Catholic diocese of Montreal has been canonically erected into an archbishopric, and the bishop of the said diocese appointed archbishop thereof by decree of the 8th June, 1886; whereas doubts have arisen whether by the act 32 Victoria, chapter 73, the archbishop of the diocese constitutes a corporation under the title of the "Roman Catholic Archiepiscopal corporation of Montreal" in succession to the "Roman Catholic Episcopal corporation of Montreal;" and it is expedient to remove such doubts and to provide for similar cases in future; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows:

Roman Catholic Arch-bishop of Montreal constituted into a corporation. Name.

1. The archbishop of the Roman Catholic diocese of Montreal and his successors have constituted, since the 8th June, 1886, by the canonical erection of the said diocese into an archbishopric, and by the appointment of the said bishop as the archbishop of such diocese, and constitute a corporation under the name of the "Roman Catholic Archiepiscopal corporation of Montreal," which corporation succeeds to the "Roman Catholic Episcopal

Succession.