

## CAP. XXI.

## An Act to amend the Municipal Code of the Province of Quebec.

[Assented to 21st June, 1886.]

**H**ER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows :

Art. added after 65 of M. C.

Rural municipality of 10,000 may be erected into a village.

Proviso as to extent of territory.

Territory to form a village. Councillors to remain in office.

M. C., art. 291, § 3 amended.

Date fixed for payment of taxes.

M. C., art. 1000 amended.

Responsibility of county corporation limited.

Recourse of third parties.

M. C., art. 1080 amended.

**1.** The Municipal Code is amended by adding after article 65 the following article :

“65a. Every rural municipality having a population of ten thousand souls, as established by the last general census, or by a special census certified by the mayor or secretary-treasurer, may, upon petition of the majority in value of the proprietors of the said municipality according to the valuation roll then in force, be erected into a village municipality by proclamation of the Lieutenant-Governor in council, upon a resolution of the council of the municipality, setting forth that it is in the interest of the inhabitants of the locality that such erection into a village should take place ; provided always that the territory does not exceed forty-five square arpents, and that such resolution be accompanied with a plan showing the metes and bounds of the municipality.

The territory, as described in the proclamation, forms a village municipality under its own name, dating from the coming into force of the proclamation ; but the councillors in office remain so until the expiration of their term, as if the erection had not taken place.

**2.** Paragraph 3 of article 291 of the said code is amended by adding at the end thereof the following words : “ or at a previous period which any council may fix by by-law, provided that such date be not fixed before the fifteenth of December.”

**3.** Article 1000 of the said code is amended by adding after the said article the following paragraph :

“ In all proceedings had and adopted to effect such sale, the county corporation shall not be responsible for the errors and informalities committed by local municipalities, against which alone shall third parties have recourse.”

**4.** The third paragraph of article 1080 of the said code, as amended by the act 41 Victoria, chapter 18, section 38, is replaced by the following :

“ The councils of such municipalities may make such provision as they deem the most equitable for the making and maintenance of the fences along municipal roads, or for ordering that such fences and all those making an angle with the fences of such municipal roads, for a distance of twenty-five feet, be, during part of the year, kept down within twelve inches of the ground.

Such by-laws or orders may be put into force, as the councils may deem most equitable, either by compelling the proprietors of the adjacent lands to make such fences or to take them down as aforesaid, or in any other manner.

These provisions do not apply to quick-set hedges, to picket fences or those at a greater distance than twenty-five feet from the road, nor to those which cannot be taken down or replaced without great expense.

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### C A P. X X I I .

An Act to amend article 312 of the Municipal Code.

[Assented to 21st June, 1886.]

**H**ER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows :

1. Article 312 of the Municipal Code, as amended by the acts 41 Victoria, chapter 18, section 13, and 45 Victoria, chapter 25, section 11, is further amended by adding the following :

“ Twenty electors present may, however, immediately appeal from his decision, by requiring a poll to be held.”

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

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### C A P. X X I I I .

An Act to prevent bribery and corruption in municipal affairs.

[Assented to 21st June, 1886.]

**H**ER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows :

1. Every person who shall, directly or indirectly, promise, offer, give, or furnish, or cause or abet in causing to be promised, offered, given, or furnished, in whole or in part, to any member of the municipal council of any city