

The quorum shall be four until there are ten members, Quorum. and then it shall be five.

10. Georges Olivier Beaudry, M.D., is hereby appointed Provisional the provisional president, and Orphyr Bruneau provisional president and secretary. They shall act as such until the regular elec- Term of office. tions of the corporation are held.

11. This act shall come into force on the day of its sanc- Coming into tion. force.

CAP. XXXVIII.

An Act to establish a provincial board of health and for other purposes respecting the public health.

[Assented to 21st June, 1886.]

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows:

1. Seven persons may be appointed by the Lieutenant- Formation of a Governor in Council to form a board of health in the pro- provincial vince, under the name of the "Quebec Provincial Board of board of Health," whose duty shall be to occupy itself with every- health. thing that concerns the public health in this province.

Four at least of these persons must be practising physi- Its composi- cians, entered upon the register according to the law re- tion. specting medicine and surgery, and having at least five years' practice.

2. Four of the members of the board may be appointed Term of office. for a term of two years and three others for a term of three years.

Subsequent appointments are made for a term of three years.

Any member retiring from office may be re-appointed.

3. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council, appoints the Appointments chairman of the board and the secretary. by Lieutenant-Governor.

4. The chairman shall receive an annual salary not Salary of exceeding four hundred dollars. chairman.

The services of the other members of the board are Services of gratuitous, and no compensation or fee is allowed to them; other members gratuitous. but their travelling expenses are paid to them. Exemption.

The secretary receives a salary not exceeding fifteen Salary of se- hundred dollars per annum. cretary.

Expenses of board.

The expenses of the board shall be paid out of the moneys, from time to time, appropriated by the Legislature for that purpose.

Duties of board.

5. It is the duty of the provincial board of health :

1. To make a special study of the vital statistics of the province, and to endeavor to apply, in an intelligent and useful manner, all the facts collected respecting mortality and disease among the people ;

2. To make sanitary investigations and inquiries into the causes of disease, and especially of epidemics ; into the causes of death and the effect which the employment, conditions, habits and other circumstances of the people may have upon their health ;

3. To study the means of preventing contagious and infectious diseases and the means by which they are introduced ;

4. To make suggestions which it deems the best suited and most efficient for averting disease or circumscribing its effects ;

5. To encourage the formation of local boards of health, and to keep a register of such local boards and of the names of the members thereof ;

6. To advise, when required, or when it deems it expedient, the officers of the government and local boards of health, respecting the public health and upon the measures to be taken to protect it, and also the position, drainage, water supply, the means of disposing of excreta, and the heating and ventilation of public institutions or buildings ;

7. In any municipality in which there is a local board of health appointed in virtue of its charter, of the Municipal Code, or of the town corporations general clauses act, such board of health shall be the local board of health for the purposes of this act.

Distribution of circulars, &c., upon hygiene, &c.

6. The board, from time to time, and especially when any epidemic, endemic or contagious disease is prevalent in any portion of the province, shall cause to be distributed to the public, by means of the press, and to the local boards of health, health officers, municipal councils or public schools, and to the clergy, by means of circulars or in any other way deemed advisable in the interests of the public health, writings upon hygiene and practical and special information upon the means of preventing contagious and infectious diseases and upon their spread.

Meetings of board.

7. The board meets quarterly or oftener in the city of Montreal or in the city of Quebec, as shall by the board be deemed necessary.

Three members of the board form a quorum for the transaction of business.

The board has power to make and pass rules and regulations to govern the action of the board, and to provide by such regulations for the appointment of committees, to which it delegates its authority and powers for the accomplishment of the duties imposed upon it.

Power to make rules, &c.

8. The secretary shall keep his office in the city of Montreal and perform the duties imposed upon him by this act or prescribed by the board.

Secretary's office.
His duties.

He must keep a register of the proceedings of the board and, as far as possible, place himself in communication with other boards of health, whether provincial, local, or federal, health officers, municipal councils, and other public bodies, with a view of collecting and spreading abroad useful ideas upon public health.

Register of proceedings.

He shall make use of all suitable means to induce municipal councils to appoint health officers or local boards of health in their municipalities.

His duties as to appointment of local boards, &c.

He shall also keep a register, in which he enters all reports from local boards, respecting the causes of contagious diseases.

Register of reports.

He prepares the annual report upon the vital statistics of the province, and performs all the other duties and functions respecting vital or other statistics which may be assigned to him by the board.

Annual reports.

9. When deemed necessary, the board may, with the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor in council, send its secretary or one or more of its members to any place in the province to inquire into the causes of any particular contagious, epidemic, or endemic disease or into the causes of mortality.

Inquiries as to contagious diseases, &c.

Such inquiry may be made by sworn depositions or in any other manner in which the committee or secretary making the inquiry deems necessary, and in the case of an inquiry under oath, the secretary or any member of the board present may administer such oath.

How to be held.

10. The Lieutenant-Governor may, when he issues a proclamation under the provisions of chapter 33 of the Consolidated Statutes of Canada, respecting the preservation of the public health, by such proclamation declare that the Provincial Board of Health, established by this act, shall be the Central Board of Health under the said chapter 33.

Power of Lieutenant-Governor to declare board to be central board under C. S. L. C., c. 33, upon issuing proclamation.

Duties of householders in cases of epidemic diseases.

11. Whenever any householder ascertains that any person within his family has small pox, diptheria, cholera, typhoid fever or scarlatina, or any other disease dangerous to the public health, he shall immediately give notice thereof to the local board of health, or to the health officer of the municipality in which he resides.

Duties of physicians in certain cases of epidemic diseases.

12. Whenever any physician ascertains that any person whom he is called upon to visit is infected with small-pox, cholera, diptheria, typhoid fever or scarlatina, or other disease dangerous to the public health, such physician shall immediately give notice thereof to the local board of health or health officers or the mayor of the municipality in which such diseased person may be.

Duties of board when small-pox, &c., exists in any municipality.

13. When small-pox, diptheria, cholera, typhoid fever, scarlatina or other contagious disease exists in any municipality, the board of health of such municipality shall immediately use all possible means to prevent the disease from spreading, and shall give prompt public notice of infected places or houses by such means as they deem most effective for the common safety.

CAP. XXXIX.

An Act to authorize certain corporations and institutions to lend and invest moneys in this province.

[Assented to 21st June, 1886.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS it would greatly assist the progress of public works and other improvements now going on within the Province of Quebec, if facilities were offered to corporations and institutions or loan and investment societies, incorporated outside the limits thereof for the purpose of lending moneys, to lend and invest their money within the province, and with that object it is expedient to confer on such institutions and corporations or societies certain powers to contract, and also to hold immovables within the province; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows:

Licenses to certain loan and investment societies, &c.

1. Any institution or corporation or loan and investment society, duly incorporated under the laws of the Parliament of Great Britain and Ireland, or of the Dominion of Canada, for the purpose of lending or investing moneys, and authorized by statute, charter, or instrument of