

CAP. LIII.

An Act granting to the corporation of the village of St. Gabriel, the right to annex themselves to the city of Montreal, and to make, with the said city, such covenants and agreements as shall be deemed proper to attain that end.

[Assented to 21st June, 1886.]

WHEREAS the council of the village of St. Gabriel, by Preamble. their petition, have prayed for the power to pass a by-law to annex the territory of such village to the city of Montreal, and whereas such annexation would be advantageous to all parties concerned, and 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 :

1. The council of the village of St. Gabriel shall have Power by by-law to annex to city of Montreal. the power to pass a by-law to annex the territory of such village to the city of Montreal.

2. By such by-law it shall be provided under what Contents of by-law. conditions such annexation shall take place, as to the representation, in the council of the city of Montreal, of the inhabitants of the territory to be annexed, and as to the settlement of the debt of the village of St. Gabriel.

3. The territory so annexed shall form one of the new Territory after annexation to be a ward of city. wards, or shall form part of one or more of the wards of the city of Montreal, the number whereof shall be increased or diminished, or the limits whereof may be changed, as the council of the city of Montreal may decide, and which it shall have power to do; and such new ward so formed, shall be known as the "St. Gabriel Ward," and may Name. be represented in the council of the city of Montreal Representation in city council. by a number of aldermen, not exceeding three, who, if possessing the qualifications required by the charter of the city of Montreal, shall be elected in the manner prescribed by such charter by the municipal electors of the territory so annexed, having the qualifications required by the charter of the said city, a list of whom shall have been previously prepared with due diligence by the secretary-treasurer of the village of St. Gabriel, who shall forward such list to the clerk of the city of Montreal.

4. Every by-law passed by the council of the village of By-law for annexation to be approved by city council of Montreal and St. Gabriel to annex, upon the conditions therein mentioned, its territory to the city of Montreal, shall, in order to have

by majority of electors of village. force and effect, and under pain of nullity, be duly approved by a vote of the majority of the council of the city of Montreal, to whom the power so to do is granted by this act, and shall further be approved by the majority of the municipal electors, who are proprietors in the territory to be annexed, who have registered their votes upon such by-law.

Election of aldermen after approval of by-law for annexation. 5. After the above-mentioned final approval by the electors of the territory so to be annexed, and within the thirty days following the forwarding of the list of electors by the said secretary-treasurer to the clerk of the city, as above mentioned, it shall be the duty of the council of the city of Montreal to proceed to the election of aldermen to represent the new ward in the council of the said city, which aldermen shall remain in office as provided in the charter of the city of Montreal, or as shall be provided by any by-law to that effect.

Effect of complying with such formalities. 6. When these formalities shall have been complied with, the new ward shall be incorporated with the city of Montreal, and shall be subject to all its existing or future by-laws, and shall enjoy all the rights, privileges and immunities conferred upon the said city by its charter and the acts which amend the same, and shall be subject to all duties and obligations provided for in the said charter and its amendments; but none of the provisions of this act shall have the effect of modifying or amending the charter of the city of Montreal, except in so far as what is mentioned in this act respecting annexation, and only in so far as to modify and amend section 4 of the charter of the city of Montreal, 37 Victoria chapter 51.

Proviso.

School commissioners of village after annexation. 7. When annexed to the city of Montreal, the school commissioners of the municipality of the village of St. Gabriel may continue to form a distinct corporation under the name of the "School Commissioners for the municipality of the village of St. Gabriel", subject to the provisions of the laws concerning public instruction.

School trustees after annexation of village, to transfer school property, &c., to Protestant Board of School Commissioners of city of Montreal. 8. The dissentient school trustees of the new ward, annexed to the city of Montreal, shall transfer all their school property and all arrears of school taxes to the Protestant Board of School Commissioners of the city of Montreal, who shall thenceforward have the management of the said schools; and the said new ward shall be subject to the laws now in force in the city of Montreal for all the purposes of Protestant schools.

Coming into force. 9. This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction.