

of all debts and municipal or school taxes, for the construction or repairing of churches and of the *fabrique* of the parish of St. Laurent.

3. The present act shall not have a retroactive effect. Act not to be retroactive.

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

CAP. LVIII.

An Act to extend the limits of the village of La Prairie and to provide for the conceding of new building lots in the Common of the same locality.

[Assented to 21st June, 1886.]

**W**HEREAS the inhabitants of the village of La Prairie Preamble. have, by petition, represented that it has become necessary to extend the limits of the said village and to provide for the conceding of new building lots in the Common of the said locality ; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows :

1. From and after the passing of this act, the limits of the village of La Prairie, in the county of La Prairie, shall be extended to the following boundaries : Limits of village of La Prairie extended.

In front to the north-west, the River Saint Lawrence from the north-east line of lot number five hundred and fifty-one (551) on the official plan and book of reference of the parish of La Prairie, to the mouth of the River Saint James ; to the north-east from the river to the north-west line of lot number three hundred and sixteen (316) ; to the south-east, a straight line drawn from the boundary between lots numbers three hundred and fifteen (315) and three hundred and sixteen (316) to the north-east angle of lot number five hundred and fifty-two (552), where the Grande-Coulée road opens on La Prairie Common ; and finally to the south-west, the north-east line of lot number five hundred and fifty-one (551) from the place lastly mentioned to the River Saint-Lawrence. Boundaries of village.

The width required by law for an ordinary public highway, taken outside the south-eastern limits as above described, shall likewise be included in the municipality of the village of La Prairie. Proviso as to certain public road.

2. The rate of valuation and of the assessment to be levied on the land annexed to the village of La Prairie by Rate of valuation and assessment of

land annexed to village. this act shall continue to be based, as heretofore, upon that of the municipality of the parish to which it has hitherto belonged.

Readjustment of rate of assessment every three years. Every three years, after the preparation of the valuation roll of the parish of La Prairie, the rate of assessment shall be re-adjusted on that of the average paid during the three previous years by the rate-payers of the said parish, and on no consideration, nor in any case, shall the annual charges upon the proprietors interested in the present change exceed those imposed upon the proprietors of the said parish.

Charges upon part annexed not to exceed certain rate.

Proviso as to certain portions of lots. Nevertheless, the above clause shall not apply to the front line of lots entered on the cadastre from number three hundred and eight (308) as far as number three hundred and fifteen (315), inclusively, which, for a depth of half an arpent, shall be valued and taxed like the other lots in the village of La Prairie.

Additional taxes not be levied on part of Common annexed to village. 3. No additional tax shall be levied on that part of the Common of La Prairie hereby annexed to the said village, except upon the portion to be divided into village lots, which portion shall be subject to the general law.

48 V., c. 30, s. 4, made obligatory instead of permissive. 4. Section 4 of the act 48 Victoria, chapter 30, is amended so that, in future, the school commissioners or trustees of the village of La Prairie shall not consider that section as permissive but as obligatory.

Taxes for school purposes upon annexed portion of village to be one-half of those of rest of village. Consequently, they shall levy upon that portion of the school municipality, which is outside of the limits of the village of La Prairie, as defined by proclamation of the thirtieth March, eighteen hundred and forty-six, a tax one-half lower than that imposed upon the real estate included within the limits of the said village established by the said proclamation; and the third paragraph of section second of this act shall also apply to school taxes.

Proviso.

Maintenance of certain roads. 5. The roads leading to the concesssions of *la Grande-Coulée* and Saint Lambert shall continue to be kept in order by the same rate-payers, under the *procès-verbaux*, drawn up to that effect now in force, and the amendments that may be made thereto in virtue of the municipal authority.

Expropriation of certain portion of Common for certain purposes. 6. The corporation of the village of La Prairie may, by observing the procedure prescribed by the Municipal Code for that purpose, expropriate for the purpose of conceding building lots or emplacements, and for other purposes mentioned in the following sections, that portion of La Prairie Common comprised between the St. John's road, the south-

eastern limits of the village, as defined in this act, the old line of the St. Lawrence and Champlain railway, and the limits of the village defined by proclamation of the thirtieth March, eighteen hundred and forty-six.

It shall be sufficient to give, to the trustees of the Common only, the special notice required by article 912 or by any other article of the Municipal Code, in place of giving notice to all the persons expropriated as required by the said Code.

Notice to be given to trustees of Common.

7. From and out of the land above described, an extent of at least sixteen arpents in superficies shall be reserved for a Roman Catholic Cemetery, and transferred to the *fabrique* of the parish of La Prairie upon the conditions agreed upon between the corporation and the said *fabrique*.

Reserve for Roman Catholic cemetery.

8. The said corporation shall have the right, within the limits of the said village, to cause embankments and other works deemed requisite to prevent inundations by the river St. Lawrence to be made.

Power to make embankments, &c., to prevent floods.

9. The price to be allowed by the valuator or arbitrators for the part of the Common so expropriated shall be established according to the actual value of the land in use as a Common; and the price established shall be deposited with the provincial treasurer in accordance with the act respecting judicial and other deposits, until distributed, according to law, among those having a right thereto.

Basis for value of land expropriated.

Deposit of award.

10. To effect the payment of the said price so established, the corporation of the village of La Prairie may borrow or levy, by means of a special tax upon the real estate of the said village, the amount required.

Power to borrow money to pay award.

11. It shall also be lawful for the said corporation, out of part of the Common so annexed, to dispose of a lot of land, not exceeding ten arpents in superficies, for the benefit of the agricultural society of the county of Laprairie.

Certain land may be disposed of to county agricultural society.

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

Coming into force.