

## CAP. LXXIV.

An Act to encourage the employment of combustible gases in this province.

[Assented to 21st June, 1886.]

## Preamble.

**W**HEREAS in various parts of the province there have been found considerable exhalations of combustible gases, the employment whereof would greatly decrease the cost of the present systems of supplying light, heat and motive power, and whereas, in the public interest, it is advisable to encourage companies which may be incorporated for that purpose, and to grant them certain privileges; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows:

Exclusive privilege may be granted to certain company for certain purposes, for term of years.

**1.** Upon the application of a company, incorporated under the joint stock companies incorporation act, for the purpose of supplying light, heat and motive power, by means of combustible gases which exist in various parts of the province, it shall be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor in council to grant to such company, by supplementary letters patent, the exclusive privilege of using such gases for a period of time not exceeding ten years.

## Proviso.

Provided always that the said company shall have established to the satisfaction of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council that it is a *bona fide* company, that it has a subscribed capital of at least two hundred and fifty thousand dollars; that instalments to the amount of ten thousand dollars have been paid; that its process of employing the said gases is the most effective and the most advantageous to secure the success of the undertaking; and that it is in a position to obtain all the appliances necessary for the success of the undertaking.

Company to commence operations within certain time.

Effect of neglect.

**2.** Such company must commence its works within three years after the issue of the letters patent, and the industry must be in full operation to the satisfaction of the Lieutenant-Governor in council, who, if such is not the case, may annul the company's privilege to grant it to any other company which shall ask for the same and shall for that purpose comply with the provisions of this act.

Power of company to dig up and make excavations in streets for their pipes, &c.

**3.** For the purposes of such enterprise, the company shall have power to dig and make excavations, whenever the same may be necessary, and in as many, roads, streets, lanes, squares, public highways, within the limits of cities, towns, villages, parishes and townships in this province, as may be deemed necessary, for laying the pipes to convey

the gas intended for supplying light, heat and motive power, as the case may be, in the localities where such gas is to be consumed for the purposes aforesaid, without causing any unnecessary damage to the said roads, streets, lanes, squares and public highways, and taking as great care as possible to leave a free and uninterrupted passage in the said roads, streets, lanes, squares and public highways ; provided always that it shall have previously obtained the consent of the municipal authorities of the said cities, towns, villages, parishes and townships within the limits of which it shall dig and make such excavations for the purposes aforesaid.

Proviso as to  
consent of mu-  
nicipal au-  
thorities.

4. It may also manufacture machinery, apparatus and instruments for collecting, selling and distributing the gases aforesaid for the above purposes of lighting or heating or for supplying motive power, and also build and carry on the works necessary for the same purposes.

Power to man-  
ufacture ap-  
paratus, &c.,  
for certain  
purposes.

5. Nothing in this act contained shall prevent a proprietor personally making use of the gas that may be found upon his property.

Proprietors  
may make  
use of gas on  
their property.

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

Coming into  
force.

## C A P. L X X V .

An Act further to amend the act incorporating the Montreal Gas Company and the acts amending the same.

[Assented to 21st June, 1886.]

**W**HEREAS the Montreal Gas Company, by petition, have prayed for amendments to their act of incorporation and to the acts amending the same, and whereas it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition ; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows :

Preamble.

1. Section 8 of the act of the late Province of Canada, 10-11 Victoria, chapter 79, is replaced by the following :

10-11 V., c. 79,  
s. 8, replaced.

" 8. And be it enacted, That the Directors shall have the power to appoint a manager, clerks and such other persons as may appear to them necessary for carrying on the business of the said company, with such powers and duties, salaries and allowances to each as shall seem meet and advisable ; — they shall have the power to make and repeal

Power of direc-  
tors to appoint  
managers, &c.

To make, &c.,  
by-laws.