

which section reads as follows: "The meetings for the erection of church-wardens, for the rendering of accounts and for all purposes requiring a general parish meeting, in these parishes, shall consist of the old and of the new church-wardens, and of the persons elected in compliance with the ordinance of the bishop, to form the board or body of the *fabrique*" apply and shall apply to all parishes, detached or which may hereafter be detached, which are or may hereafter be formed, in whole or in part, out of the territory of the old parish of *Notre-Dame de Montréal*, and are recognized as being lawfully binding therein; provided that in any case the church-wardens so elected, or the *fabriques* so constituted, shall not oblige or bind the parishioners to pay debts contracted by the said church-wardens or the said *fabriques*, without the previous consent of the said parishioners declared at a general parish meeting, duly called by a notice of at least eight days." Payment of debts.

2. The said meetings shall be convened by notice from the pulpit (*prône*) on the Sunday preceding that on which the meeting is held, and they shall take place at the hour and in the place mentioned in the notice. Meetings.

And whereas doubts have arisen respecting the validity of the elections of church-wardens held before the passing of this act, in certain parishes detached from the old parish of *Notre-Dame*, and it is expedient to remove such doubts, it is further enacted as follows:

3. All elections of church-wardens held before the passing of this act, in all parishes detached, in whole or in part, from the territory of the old parish of *Notre-Dame*, are hereby declared valid, and the church-wardens so elected duly possessed of all the powers and functions attached to the office of church-warden, whatever may have been the mode pursued in such elections. Elections of church-wardens already made declared valid.

4. Nothing in this act contained shall affect pending cases. Pending cases.

5. This act shall come into force the day of its sanction. Act in force.

CAP. XXXVI.

An Act for the civil erection of several parishes cut off from the territory of the old parish of *Notre-Dame* of Montreal.

[Assented to 24th December, 1875.]

WHEREAS the civil erection, under chapter 18 of the Preamble consolidated statutes for Lower Canada, of the

parishes hereinafter named, and comprised within the old limits of the parish of Notre-Dame of Montreal, would be very costly and very difficult, owing to the large population of these parishes, to act in conformity with the said chapter 18 of the consolidated statutes for Lower Canada, and whereas it is necessary to civilly acknowledge the said parishes ; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows :

Erection of
catholic
parishes.

1. The parishes hereinafter described, erected for religious purposes, only by the ecclesiastical authority, with the limits and boundaries assigned to them by the canonical decrees respecting the same, are declared to be and are recognized as catholic parishes, as fully and to the same effect, as if they had been recognized, erected and ratified, for all civil purposes under chapter 18 of the consolidated statutes for Lower Canada.

St. Gabriel.

"1. The parish of St. Gabriel, erected by a decree of Monseigneur Ignace Bourget, Roman Catholic bishop of Montreal, dated December 10th, 1875, comprising the south eastern part of the parish of *St. Henri des Tanneries*, and bounded on the north by the Lachine canal, from the bridge crossed by the Grand Trunk railway to the actual limits of the city of Montreal, on the east by the said limits to the river St. Lawrence, thence, on the south, by the said river in following its upward course, up to the property actually occupied by J. H. Mooney excluded, on the west, by a boundary line starting from the said river from the Mooney property, passing through the centre of the highway called No. 1, following it upwards, thence passing to the west of the waterworks buildings, including the reservoir, and thence to the said bridge on the canal included.

St. Paul.

2. The parish of St. Paul, erected by a decree of the same bishop, dated December 10th, 1875, comprising the south-western part of the parish of *St. Henri des Tanneries*, part of the river St. Pierre, and part of the Côte St. Paul, and bounded on the south, by the river St. Lawrence, starting from the property actually occupied by J. H. Mooney included, and running upwards to the property of John Crawford included ; on the west, by the actual limits of the Lachine parish to the Lachine railway, on the north, from the property of Dame widow McNaughton excluded, by following the said railroad until its junction with the Côte St. Paul road, thence by a straight line crossing the Lachine canal, following then the south of the said canal, as far as the Grand Trunk railway bridge crossing the said canal ; thence, on the east, by a line running down to the river and which is to pass to the west of the waterworks buildings ; thence in the middle of a highway called No. 1, and thence, to the St. Lawrence river.

3. The parish of Ste. Cunégonde erected by a decree Ste. Cunégonde. of the same bishop, dated december 11th, 1875, comprising the eastern part of the parish of *St. Henri des Tanneries*, and bounded on the south by the Lachine canal from Atwater street to the actual limits of the city of Montreal; on the east by the actual limits of the city of Montreal from the Lachine canal to Dorchester street; on the north by a line passing through the middle of Dorchester street, and extending from the limits of the city of Montreal to Atwater street; on the west by a line passing through the middle of Atwater street, and extending from Dorchester street to the Lachine canal.

4. The parish of St. Jean Baptiste, erected by a decree St. Jean-Baptiste. of the same bishop, dated december 11th, 1875, comprising the southern part of the parish of St. Enfant Jésus, and bounded on the north by the Tanneries road, now called Mount-Royal; on the east by the centre of the Papineau road; on the south by the city of Montreal; on the west by the mountain or Mount Royal.

5. The parish of Sacré-Cœur de Jésus, erected by a Sacré-Cœur de Jésus. decree of the same bishop, dated december 11th, 1875, comprising the northern part of the parish of St. Bridget, and bounded on the north by the present limits of the city of Montreal; on the east by the middle of Colborne street, going downwards till its junction with Logan street; on the south, by the middle of the said Logan street to Visitation street; thence, by a straight line supposed to be also the middle of Logan street, to Amherst street; on the west, by the middle of the said Amherst street in an upward direction to the aforesaid limits of the city.

2. Nothing in this act contained shall have the effect Municipal limits, not changed. of changing in any manner the limits of the city of Montreal, and of the various other municipalities in which such parishes are situated. Such municipalities shall continue to exist, with the same limits and boundaries, as if the present act had never been passed.

3. Each parish so recognized is so, subject to the pro- Decree of erection. visions set forth in the decree of erection which respects the same.

4. Every parish which the ecclesiastical authority may Recognition of the parishes erected in the future. erect for religious purposes, within the limits of the parishes of the ancient territory of Notre-Dame of Montreal, already dismembered and civilly recognized, or which are so by section one of this act, shall be a catholic parish, from and after the insertion in the *Quebec Official Gazette*, of a notice of the issue of the canonical Notice required. decree which erects the same, and that as fully and with the same effects as if it had been recognized and rati-

fied for all civil purposes, under chapter 18 of the consolidated statutes for Lower Canada, subject to the provisions of section two of this act, and to the provisions set forth in the decree of erection, which respects the same.

Meetings of the parishioners. **5.** Meetings for the election of church-wardens, for the rendering of accounts, and for all matters which require the convening of a parochial meeting, in such parishes, shall be composed of the old and new church-wardens, and of persons elected in conformity with the ordinance of the bishop, to constitute the board or body of the *fabrique* ; provided that in any case the church-wardens so elected or the *fabrique* so constituted shall not have power to oblige or bind the parishioners to the payment of debts contracted by the said church-wardens, or the said *fabriques*, without the previous consent of the said parishioners declared at a general meeting of the parish duly convened after eight days notice.

Payment of debts.

Act in force. **6.** This act shall come into force the day of its sanction.

C A P . X X X V I I .

An Act to annex certain islands in the parish of Sorel, county of Richelieu, to the parish of *la Visitation de l'Île du Pads*, in the county of Berthier, for parliamentary, municipal, school and registration purposes.

[Assented to 24th December, 1875.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS certain inhabited islands situate at the south-west entrance of lake St. Peter, in the river St. Lawrence, are not included in the limits of the several surrounding parishes ; and it is important to define the limits of the parish of *la Visitation de l'Île du Pads* and of the parish of *St. Pierre de Sorel*, situated respectively, the former in the county of Berthier, and the latter in the county of Richelieu, in such locality ; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows :

Certain islands annexed to the parish of *l'Île du Pads*.

1. The islands hereinafter named situated at the south-western entrance of lake St. Peter, in the river St. Lawrence, comprised within the limits of the parish of *la Visitation de l'Île du Pads* recognized by the proclamation of the lieutenant-governor of this province, bearing date the fourth day of June, 1875, that is to say : *l'Île des Plantes*, *l'Île Ducharme*, *l'Île Manon*, *l'Île à l'Orme*, *l'Île au Noyer*,