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An Act to annex to the County of Lotbinière, for electoral and other purposes, that part of the Parish of Saint-Narcisse de Beaurivage, actually beyond the limits of the said County.

[Assented to 28th January, 1874.]

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

1. From and after the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, that part of the parish of Saint-Narcisse de Beaurivage, within the limits of the counties of Levis and Dorchester, shall be detached from the said counties and annexed to the county of Lotbinière, in the district of Quebec, for electoral, municipal, judicial and registration purposes.

The whole of the parish of St. Nar de B. R., to b, in the county of Lotbinière.

2. Cases or proceedings pending, at the date above-mentioned, shall not be affected by this act.

Pending cases.

3. The said parish of Saint-Narcisse de Beaurivage shall form a parish municipality, working under the authority of the municipal code.

Shall form a parish municipality.

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An Act to authorize the School Commissioners of the Town of Iberville, to levy a certain sum for the establishment of a School for Superior Commercial Education.

[Assented to 28th January, 1874.]

WHEREAS the school commissioners for the municipality of the town of Iberville, in the county of Iberville, have prayed, by their petition, to be authorized to levy upon the taxable real estate of their municipality, a sum not exceeding twelve thousand dollars, in the form of a special assessment, for the erection of an industrial college, or building for superior commercial education, at Iberville ; and whereas it is expedient that their prayer be granted ; Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows :

Preamble.

1. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in the laws in force in this province respecting education, it shall

Commis. may levy \$12,000.

be lawful for the school commissioners for the municipality of the town of Iberville, in the county of Iberville, to levy, upon the taxable real estate of their municipality, a sum not exceeding twelve thousand dollars, in the form of special assessment, for the erection of an industrial college, or building for superior commercial education, at Iberville, such special assessment to be divided over such number of years as the said commissioners may deem convenient.

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levying.

2. The said special assessment shall be levied and collected in the same manner as the annual assessments; and the said commissioners shall have, for the levying and collection of such special assessment, the powers granted by law for the levying and collection of annual assessments, after having observed the formalities following, that is to say:

1. The said commissioners after having passed a resolution for the levying of the said assessment, shall cause notice to be given by their secretary-treasurer, of the day on which, and the place at which, such resolution will be submitted for the approval of the rate-payers entitled to vote at the election of school commissioners;

2. Such notice shall be read on two consecutive Sundays, at the church door of the parish of St. Athanase, and a copy thereof shall, on the first Sunday, be posted up on the door of the said church;

3. The meeting shall be held at the place set forth in such notice, but which must be situated within the said town of Iberville; it shall commence at ten o'clock in the morning, and be presided over by the chairman of the commissioners, or by any other rate-payer appointed by them;

4. At the place and on the day and hour specified, the said person presiding, shall open the meeting by informing the rate-payers then present of the purpose thereof, and he shall enquire of them whether or not they approve of the said resolution. If no person objects thereto within the space of one hour, such person presiding shall declare the said resolution approved; but if any rate-payer, entitled as aforesaid to vote at the election of commissioners, objects to the said resolution within the hour aforesaid, the person presiding shall forthwith hold a poll, to record the votes of the said rate-payers. Such poll shall remain open until four o'clock in the afternoon, and on the following day from ten o'clock in the forenoon to four o'clock in the afternoon;

5. The votes of the electors favorable to the said resolution shall be recorded under the word "yea," and the votes of those opposed to it, under the word "nay;"

6. If at the close of the poll there are a majority of "yeas," the said resolution shall be deemed to be approved; and the assessment may be levied and collected;

if there are a majority of "nays," the said resolution shall remain without force or effect.

3. In all cases on which there shall have been a majority of nays, the said commissioners may still at the expiration of one year, submit anew the said resolution, or any other resolution for the approval of the rate-payers in the manner hereinabove provided.

In case of refusal the resolutions may be submitted anew for approval.

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An Act to amend the Charter of the South Eastern Railway Company.

[Assented to 18th December, 1873.]

WHEREAS by the act of the Legislature of this Province, passed in the thirty-sixth year of Her Majesty's reign, and intituled: "An act to amend the acts respecting the Richelieu, Drummond and Arthabaska Counties' Railway Company, to confirm certain agreements between the said company and the South Eastern Counties' Junction Railway Company, and for other purposes," the said two railway companies were united and amalgamated, thereafter to continue and subsist as one corporation and body politic, under the name of the South Eastern Railway Company, and the said two companies have respectively accepted and approved of the said act in accordance with the terms thereof; and the said South Eastern Railway Company, so united and amalgamated, have by their petition set forth, that they have in great part already carried out the construction and equipment of their railway, and have a large part thereof in running order, and effectively operated over as a working railway, and are actively and earnestly engaged in the completion of the remainder, and that it is important, in order to enable them fully to carry out such their enterprise, that the said act and the other acts constitutive of their charter, should be amended and simplified in the manner hereinafter set forth, 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:

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1. The South Eastern Railway Company is hereby authorized to increase their capital stock to four million eight hundred thousand dollars, divided into forty-eight thousand shares of one hundred dollars each; and for each such share the holder and owner thereof shall be entitled to one vote at the meetings of the company.

Increase of capital.

Right to vote.

