

Art. 484
amended.

13. Article 484 is amended by inserting at the end thereof the following words: "or within the limits of such agricultural society, in which such municipality is situated."

And as doubts may exist, respecting the nature and extent of the responsibility of municipal corporations, as shareholders in railway companies, it is declared and enacted as follows:

Responsibility
of municip-
alities and
companies
taking stock
in railways.

14. The responsibility of municipal corporations and of incorporated companies, as shareholders in railway companies, like that of individuals, is and has always been limited to the amount which has been lawfully subscribed by them.

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An Act further to amend the law respecting District Magistrates in this Province.

[Assented to 23rd December, 1871.]

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

Subs. 1 of sec.
6, 32 V., c. 23,
amended.

1. The first sub-section of section sixteen of the act of this province, thirty-second Victoria, chapter twenty-three, is hereby amended, in such manner as to read as follows:

"1. All suits whether personal or real, wherein the sum or value demanded does not exceed fifty dollars."

Magistrate's
courts to have
jurisdiction in
lessors and
lessees cases.

2. When the amount of rent claimed or the amount of damages alleged does not exceed fifty dollars, the magistrate's court shall have jurisdiction in actions to annul or to rescind a lease, or to recover damages resulting from the contravention of any of the stipulations of the lease, or the non-fulfilment of any of the obligations which the law attaches to it, or which result from the relation of lessor and lessee, and all proceedings in and the proof and hearing of the said actions shall take place in a summary manner and upon any juridical day, whether such day be or be not fixed as one of the days on which the said magistrate's court can sit.

Sec. 14, of 32
V., c. 23,
amended.

3. Section fourteen of the said act is hereby amended, by striking out all the words thereof after the words "shall be the clerk of the magistrate's court," and by substituting therefor, the following: "the lieutenant-governor in council may also, from time to time, fix any other place or places where the magistrate's court shall be held in any county, and whether a circuit court be held therein or not, and may appoint a clerk of the court for such place."

4. The magistrate's courts, mentioned in the said act, in rendering judgment upon any cause or matter brought before them shall award costs, which shall be taxed according to the tariff of the circuit court for cases or matters of like nature or amount.

Magistrate's courts to award costs.

5. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the said act, services of the writs of summons or other proceedings, in any of the said magistrate's courts, in the district of Saguenay, may be made by any literate person, whose return of service shall be sworn to by him before a district magistrate, a clerk of the magistrate's court, or a justice of the peace.

In dist. of Saguenay services may be made by literate persons.

6. The bailiff, sergeant of militia, or literate person serving any writ of summons or other proceeding in the magistrate's court, may demand and receive for every such service and return thereof the sum of twenty cents, and at the rate of ten cents per mile for the distance he has gone to perform such service, the distance in returning not entitling him to any allowance; but any such bailiff, sergeant, or person by whom more than one service is made, at the same time, upon one and the same person, shall not be entitled to mileage for more than one journey.

What fees bailiffs, &c. shall be entitled to for services.

7. Judgments rendered by the said magistrate's court, for sums exceeding forty dollars, may, in default of movable property and effects, be executed upon such immovables of the debtor as are within the limits of the district in which the judgment was rendered, or in any other district. The writ for that purpose shall be addressed to the sheriff of such district, and is returnable to the superior court of such district, there to be proceeded upon in the same manner as like writs issuing from the circuit court.

Execution may issue against immovables in cases over \$40.

8. The lieutenant-governor in council may, from time to time, instruct any district magistrate to attend, for any specified period or periods of time, any district or districts, other than the district or districts for which he was appointed; and the provincial secretary shall cause notice of such instructions having been given to be published in the Quebec official gazette.

Lieut.-Gov. may cause dist. magistrates to attend any d.istrict.

9. Any district magistrate acting under such instructions shall have, with respect to any district in which he shall be, the same powers and jurisdiction that he would have with respect to the district or districts for which he was appointed, when acting within the same.

Powers of D. magistrates in such cases.