

Half tax im-  
possible on  
tenants of prop-  
erty exempt  
from taxation.

24. If any person, other than the proprietor occupy a property exempt from assessments or taxes, the corporation may impose upon the said person an amount of assessments and taxes equal to the half of that which the corporation could impose upon the said property, if the same were leviable, and it shall also have the right to collect from the said person water rates to which like immovable property in the city of Quebec is liable.

S. 4 of s. 18 of  
29 V., c. 57  
amended.

25. The fourth subsection of section eighteen of the act twenty-ninth Victoria, chapter fifty-seven, is hereby amended by adding thereto the following words:

Exemption of  
church prop-  
erty &c., from  
taxation.

"But such new assessors shall not have power to assess or tax churches, chapels and other edifices used for the purposes of religious worship and cemeteries."

This act to  
form one with  
the acts amend-  
ed.

26. The present act shall be considered as forming but one and the same act with the acts hereby amended.

Repeal of in-  
consistent pro-  
visions.

27. All acts or portions of acts contrary to or incompatible with the provisions of the present act are hereby repealed.

## C A P. X X X V I.

An Act to amend the act twentieth Victoria, chapter one hundred and twenty-five, intituled: "An Act to divide the Quebec Turnpike roads into two separate Trusts, and to make other provisions relative thereto."

[Assented to 24th December, 1870.]

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

S. 2 of 20 V.,  
c. 125 amend-  
ed.

1. The second section of chapter one hundred and twenty-five of the act twentieth Victoria is hereby amended by substituting the words, "not exceeding seven persons," for the words "not exceeding five persons," in so far as regards the Quebec South Shore Turnpike Road Trustees.

## C A P. X X X V I I.

An Act to amend the Acts relating to the Corporation of the City of Montreal, and for other purposes.

[Assented to 24th December, 1870.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS the corporation of the city of Montreal have by their petition, represented that it has become necessary, in the interest of the citizens of the said city, to

make several alterations to its acts of incorporation; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows:

1. The clerk of the city of Montreal and the treasurer of the said city may respectively affix their signature to the certificates and to the notices which they are required to give by the seventeenth and forty-ninth sections of the act passed in the session held in the fourteenth and fifteenth years of Her Majesty's reign, chapter one hundred and twenty-eight, and by the fortieth and forty-sixth sections of the act passed in the session held in the twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth years of Her Majesty's reign, chapter sixty, by stamping said signature thereon with a stamp to be previously approved by the council of the said city, and used exclusively for that purpose; and the signature so affixed shall be, to all intents and purposes, as valid as if in the hand writing of the said clerk and of the said treasurer; and neither the authenticity of any such stamped signature, nor the authority of either of the said officers by whom the same may be so affixed shall be called in question, except on behalf of the said corporation; and except the officers above referred to, all persons are hereby prohibited under the penalty hereafter mentioned from using the said stamped signatures, and any person knowingly, using, or uttering any stamped signature intended to represent the genuine stamped signature as aforesaid shall, upon conviction before the recorder's court, be liable to a fine of one hundred dollars currency, and, in default of the immediate payment of such fine, to an imprisonment not exceeding three months in the common gaol of the district of Montreal, or in the house of correction of the said district, for each and every such offence, unless the said fine be sooner paid.

City clerk and treasurer may use stamp signatures, to notices &c., required by ss. 17 and 49, of 14 15 V., c. 128, and ss. 40 and 46 of 27, 28 V., c. 60.

Penalty for others using said stamps.

2. To correct the error of reference which exists in the twenty-fifth section of the thirty-second Victoria, chapter seventy, the words "twenty-sixth and twenty-eighth" are struck out, and the words "twentieth and twenty-fourth" are substituted in their place.

S. 25 of 32 V., c. 73 amended.

3. It shall be lawful for the corporation of the said city to effect the following loans, that is to say:

Corporation empowered to effect loans.

1. A sum not to exceed twenty-five thousand dollars, currency, to establish and erect in the said city or its vicinity permanent buildings for the agricultural and industrial exhibitions of this province, and to acquire the necessary site therefor, and the said corporation is authorized to issue under the signature of the mayor and the seal of the said corporation, bonds or debentures to the amount of the said sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, payable twenty-five years after the date of their issue, and bearing interest at a

\$25,000 for exhibition buildings.

Bonds for that purpose.

Bonds privileged without registration.

rate not exceeding six per cent per annum, the said interest payable on the first May, and the first November in each year: and such bonds or debentures may be issued from time to time and for such amounts as may be deemed expedient, and shall, as regards the principal and interest, be secured by special mortgage and privilege, without the formality of registration at the registry office, by and upon the land, buildings and works, acquired and erected for the said purposes.

\$1,000,000 for drainage, &c.

2. A sum not to exceed one hundred thousand dollars, currency, for the drainage and sewerage required in the said city; and the said corporation is authorized to issue under the signature of the mayor and the seal of the said

Bonds for that purpose.

corporation, bonds or debentures, to the amount of the said sum of one hundred thousand dollars, payable twenty-five years after the date of their issue, and bearing interest at a rate not exceeding six per cent per annum, payable on the first May and the first November in each year; and the said bonds or debentures may be issued, from time to time, for such amount as may be deemed expedient, and shall, as regards the principal and interest be secured on the general funds of the said corporation.

How secured.

\$200,000 for opening streets &c.

3. A sum not to exceed two hundred thousand dollars, currency, for the opening or widening of streets, squares or public places in the said city; and the said corporation is authorized to issue, under the signature of the mayor and the seal of the said corporation, bonds or debentures to the amount of the said sum of two hundred thousand dollars, payable twenty-five years after the date of their issue, and bearing interest at a rate not exceeding six per cent per annum, payable on the first May and the first November in

Bonds for that purpose.

each year; and the said bonds or debentures may be issued from time to time, for such amount as may be deemed expedient, and shall, as regards principal and interest, be

How secured.

Proviso.

secured upon the said streets, squares or public places; provided however, that the said corporation shall not contribute out of the said loan, more than one-third of the cost of the opening or widening of any street, square or public place, and the remaining two-thirds shall be paid by the proprietors interested in the said improvement, who shall be assessed to that effect by commissioners to be appointed and to act as provided in and by the twelfth and fourteenth sections (as the case may be) of the act passed in the twenty-ninth and thirtieth years of the reign of Her Majesty Victoria, chapter fifty-six; but such improvement will require to have been resolved upon by an absolute majority of the members of the council of the said city.

\$250,000 for paving streets &c.

4. A sum not to exceed two hundred and fifty thousand dollars currency, for paving streets, public places or squares in the said city in dressed stone, wooden block, or such

other mode of paving as the council may direct; and power is granted to the said council to pay one-half the cost of such paving, out of the funds of the said city, and to assess the other half, upon the proprietors, usufructuaries or *grevés de substitution* of the real estate situate on both sides of the said streets, public places or squares, in proportion to the frontage of the said real estate respectively; and it shall be the duty of the city surveyor to apportion and assess one-half the cost as aforesaid of the said paving, upon the said real estate in proportion to the frontage of such real estate, as aforesaid, and the above mentioned assessment and apportionment, as also that provided for in the next preceding subsection there shall be due and recoverable the same as all other taxes and assessments before the recorder's court, or before the civil courts, as the case may be; and the said corporation is authorized to issue, under the signature of the mayor, and the seal of the said corporation, bonds or debentures to the amount of the said sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, payable twenty-five years after the date of their issue, and bearing interest at a rate not exceeding six per cent per annum, and payable on the first May and first November in each year; and the said bonds or debentures may be issued, from time to time, for such amount as may be deemed expedient, and shall, as regards the principal and interest, be secured by special mortgage upon the general funds of the said corporation.

Power to pay one-half of cost of paving and to assess the other half.

Bonds may be issued.

How secured.

5. A sum not to exceed sixty thousand dollars currency, for the following purposes: \$60,000 for certain other purposes.

10. To establish and erect police and fire stations;
20. To establish and erect a public market in the St. James ward of the said city;
30. To establish and erect a fish market in connection the St. Ann's market of the city;
40. To establish places of deposit for the filth and offal of the city;
50. To acquire the necessary site, for all and every the purposes aforesaid; and the said corporation is authorized to issue, under the signature of the mayor and the seal of the said corporation, bonds or debentures to the amount of the said sum of sixty thousand dollars, payable twenty-five years after the date of their issue, and bearing interest at a rate not exceeding six per cent per annum, payable on the first May and the first November in each year; and the said bonds or debentures may be issued, from time to time, for such amount as may be deemed expedient, and shall, as regards the principal and interest, be secured by special mortgage on the land, works and buildings to be erected thereon.

6. A sum not to exceed seventy-five thousand dollars, currency, for the purpose of establishing and erecting one

\$75,000 for slaughter houses.

Power to regulate slaughter houses.

Bonds may be issued.

How secured.

Where said loans may be effected.

Sec. 4, 5, 6 of 34 V., c. 37 to apply.

Power to take shares in, or to aid, railway companies.

or more public slaughter houses, and acquiring, by amicable settlement or by means of expropriation, as provided in the twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth Victoria, chapter sixty, the necessary sites therefor, either within or beyond the limits of the said city; and power is given to the council of the said city to pass all by-laws necessary for the proper regulation and administration of such slaughter houses; and the said corporation is authorized to issue, under the signature of the mayor and the seal of the said corporation, bonds or debentures, to the amount of the said sum of seventy-five thousand dollars, payable twenty-five years after the date of their issue, and bearing interest at a rate not exceeding six per cent per annum, payable on the first May and the first November, in each year; and the said bonds or debentures may be issued, from time to time, for such amount as may be deemed expedient, and shall, as regards the principal and interest, be secured by special mortgage, by and upon the land, works and buildings of the public slaughter houses of the said city.

4. The several amounts which the said corporation are authorized to borrow in the next preceding section and subsections, may be borrowed either in this province or elsewhere, in sterling money, or in current money of this province, or in the current money of the place where made payable; and all the provisions contained in the fourth, fifth and sixth sections of the act passed in the thirty-first year of the reign of Her Majesty Victoria, chapter thirty-seven, regulating the issue of bonds or debentures, their registration and transfer, and the establishment of a sinking fund under the responsibility of the treasurer of the said city, and his rights and obligations in that respect shall apply also to the issuing, enregistering, transferring and payment of the bonds or debentures the issue of which is authorized by the next preceding section and subsections, and to the establishment of a sinking fund, at the rate of two per cent per annum, upon the said above mentioned sums, for the purpose of paying off the said loans.

5. The corporation of the said city of Montreal shall have full power and authority, through the council of the said city, to subscribe to such number of shares as the said corporation may deem expedient in the capital stock of any railway company, the establishment of which may, in their opinion, tend to promote the interests of the said city, or to lend or guarantee the payment of any sum of money borrowed by such company from any corporation or person, by observing the formalities prescribed by law, and especially those prescribed in regard to such subscriptions or loans by municipal corporations in general in chapters twenty-four and twenty-five of the consolidated statutes for Lower Canada, or such other statutes as may be passed

in lieu of either of them during the present or any future session, and in force at the time such subscription is made, and in the railway act, chapter sixty-six of the consolidated statutes of Canada.

Power to elect railway directors to represent the corporation.

6. The said council of the said city shall have power and authority to choose and elect, independently of the mayor of the said city who, according to law, is *ex-officio* director, such number of directors not exceeding three, exclusive of the mayor, as may be agreed between the company and the said corporation, said directors to be chosen from among the members of the said council, and who shall, concurrently with the mayor, have equal rights with the other directors of any company as aforesaid; and they may exercise such rights as are hereby conferred upon them, so long as the amount subscribed or loaned by the said corporation, shall not have been re-imbursed; and the said directors shall be chosen and elected, and, as occasion may require, removed and others chosen instead, and may enter into office, so soon as the by-law required by law shall have gone through its final passing and the subscription made.

7. If any railway shall have its terminus or workshops in the eastern section of the said city, and shall connect the same with the harbour by a line running into the municipality of Hochelaga, or shall have its terminus and workshops within the said municipality, the limit of the said city may in that case be extended by the corporation of Montreal to a line to be drawn at a distance of ten arpents to the eastward of the point where such line joins the harbour or where such workshops may be constructed and running from the River St. Lawrence parallel with the present line until it strikes a prolongation of the northern boundary line of the city; but, before any portion of the municipality of Hochelaga is included within the limits of the said city of Montreal, the rate-payers of that portion must declare by a vote of the majority that they desire to be included within said limits, but this shall only take place after the by-law, to be made by the city council of Montreal, authorizing any subscription in favor of the said railway, shall have been voted upon and finally disposed of.

Limits of the corporation may be extended in a certain case and subject to certain conditions.

8. In the event of the extension of the city limits contemplated by the foregoing clauses, causing any damages or injury to the Montreal Turnpike Trust, said damages shall be ascertained and determined by amicable arrangements, arbitration, or in the manner relating to expropriations within the limits of the said city.

How any damages caused to turnpike trust by extension of limits shall be determined.