

indirectly deceive the said assessors as to the amount of such rent, shall be liable, on conviction thereof, before the Mayor or a Justice of the Peace, to a penalty of twenty dollars or less, or to imprisonment during one calendar month or less, according to the Judgment of such Mayor or Justice of the Peace. 5

Council may prevent re-erection of buildings in certain cases.

54. It shall be lawful for the said Council, whenever any house shall encroach upon any of the streets or public squares of the said town, to prevent the proprietor of such house from rebuilding on the site occupied by the demolished house; and it shall be lawful for the Council to purchase any part of such lot encroaching upon any street, or to require the proprietor of such land to dispossess himself thereof, in consideration of an indemnity therefor, and such indemnity shall be fixed by arbitrators appointed respectively by the said Council and by the party they are desirous of dispossessing; and the said arbitrators, in case of difference of opinion, shall appoint a third, and the said arbitrators, having been sworn by a Justice of the Peace, shall take cognizance of the matter in dispute, and after visiting the place in question, shall decide upon the amount of indemnity to be granted to such proprietor; and the said arbitrators shall be authorized to decide which of the parties shall pay the cost of arbitration. 10 15 20

Council may acquire lands for certain purposes.

55. The said Council shall have full power to purchase and acquire out of the revenues of the said town, all such lots, lands, and real property whatsoever within the said town, as they shall deem necessary for the opening or enlargement of any street, public square or marketplace, or the erection of any public building, or generally for any object of public utility of a municipal nature. 25

Arbitration in cases of disagreement as to the value of property taken for town purposes.

56. When the proprietor of a lot, which the said Council shall be desirous of purchasing, for any object of public utility of a municipal nature, shall refuse to sell the same by private agreement, or in case such proprietor shall be absent from the Province or in case such lot of land shall belong to infants, issue unborn, lunatics, idiots, or wives *sous puissance de maris*, the said Council may apply to the Superior Court sitting in and for the District of Beauharnois, or to any other Court, for the appointment of an arbitrator by the said Court, to make, conjointly with the arbitrator appointed by the said Council, a valuation of such lot, with power to the said arbitrators, in case of a difference of opinion, to appoint a third; and when the said arbitrators shall have made their report to the said Council, at a regular meeting thereof, it shall be lawful for the said Council to acquire such lot on depositing the price at which it shall have been valued by the said arbitrators, in the hands of the Prothonotary of the Superior Court in and for the District of Beauharnois for the use of the person entitled thereto; and if no person entitled to such indemnity shall appear within six months after such amount shall have been deposited in the hands of such Prothonotary, to claim the sum so deposited, it shall be lawful for said Prothonotary, and he is hereby required, to remit such sum to the Secretary-Treasurer of the said Council, to be deposited by him with the moneys of the said town, and such sum shall bear interest at the rate of six per centum; and both the capital and the interest accruing thereon shall be payable by the said Council to any person entitled to receive the same, within three months after a formal notification to the Mayor and to the Secretary-Treasurer of the said town to pay he same. 30 35 40 45 50

Penalties for refusal to accept office.

57. Every person who, being elected or appointed to any of the offices mentioned in the following list, shall refuse or neglect to accept 55