

corporate the said City and Town of Quebec, or by the Justices of the Peace for the District of Quebec, or other competent authority, before the passing of the last mentioned Ordinance to incorporate the City and Town of Quebec, which may be in force at the time of the passing of this Act, shall continue, be and remain in full force and virtue, until the same shall be rescinded, repealed or altered by the said Council, under the authority of this Act, or by other competent legal authority.

LXI. The said Council shall have full power and authority, notwithstanding any law to the contrary, to purchase and acquire, or take and enter into, after paying, tendering or depositing the value thereof, to be ascertained as hereinafter provided, such land, ground, or real property of any description, within the said City, as may by them be deemed necessary, for opening new streets, squares, market-places or other public highways or places, or for continuing, enlarging, or otherwise improving the streets, squares, market-places or other public highways or places now made, and the neighbourhood thereof, or as a site for any public building to be erected by the said Council, and to pay to or for the use of the proprietor or proprietors of such ground or real property, and out of any funds of the said City, now in or which shall hereafter come into their hands, such sum or sums of money as may be agreed upon as the value of such ground or other property, by the party proprietor thereof and the said Council respectively, or ascertained in the manner hereinafter mentioned, in case they shall not so agree upon the same: Provided always, that before acquiring any such land, ground or real property, it shall be the duty of the Council to make a By-law imposing forthwith a special annual tax on the real property within the ward where such land, ground or real property is situate, sufficient to pay the interest of the purchase money thereof, and also two and a half per cent. annually, to form a sinking fund to liquidate the capital thereof.

LXII. It shall be lawful for all Corporations, aggregate or sole, husbands, tutors or guardians, curators, *grévés de substitution*, and all trustees whatsoever, who are or shall be seized or possessed of or interested in any piece or pieces, parcel or parcels of ground or other real property within the said City, selected and fixed upon by the said Council for any of the purposes aforesaid, not only for themselves, their heirs and successors, but for and on behalf of all persons whom they represent, or for whom or in trust for whom they are or shall be seized, possessed or interested as aforesaid, whether minors or issue unborn, lunatics, *fonies covert*, or other person or persons, to contract for, sell and convey such piece or pieces, parcel or parcels of ground to the Corporation or the Mayor, Councillors and Citizens of the City of Quebec, and such contracts, sales and conveyances shall be valid and effectual in law to all intents and purposes whatsoever, any law or custom to the contrary notwithstanding: and all Corporations and persons whatsoever so contracting, selling or conveying as aforesaid, are hereby indemnified for and in respect of such