

Penalties for
infraction of
By-laws.

XLIII. If any member shall transgress any order or regulation made by the said Town Council under the authority of this Act, such person shall, for every such offence, forfeit the sum which in every order, rule, or regulation shall be specified, with the costs to be allowed by the Justices of the Peace who shall try such offences, and to be levied on the goods and chattels, of the offender, and in default of such goods and chattels, the offender shall be liable to be committed to the Common Gaol of the District, for a term not exceeding one month, but which may be less in the discretion of the Court; and no person shall be deemed an incompetent witness upon any information under this Act; by reason of his being a resident of the said town of Three Rivers; Provided always, that the information and complaint for any breach of any order or regulation of the said Town Council shall be made within one month next after the time of the offence committed; and provided also, that no fine or penalty shall be inflicted for any such offence, which shall be less than five shillings, or more than five pounds; and that no imprisonment for any such offence shall in any case, be more than one calendar month, and the costs of transport in effecting such imprisonment shall be borne by the said Town Council, and the said Council shall also have power to punish by forfeiture of their goods, articles, and provisions, all persons exposing them for sale on the markets, in the streets of the said town, and infringing at the same time the By-laws of the said Council as regards the weight and quality of such goods, articles and provisions.

Proviso.

Taxes and assessments to be privileged debts.

XLIV. All the debts hereafter due to the said Town Council for all taxes or assessments imposed upon moveable or immoveable property in the said town, shall by virtue of this Act be privileged debts, and shall be paid in preference to all other debts, and the said Town Council shall in all cases of distribution of moneys collocated in preference to all other creditors; Provided always, that this privilege shall only apply to assessments due for six years and no longer; and provided also, that this privilege shall have its full and complete effect without its being necessary to have recourse to registrations.

To whom penalties, &c., shall be paid.

XLV. All the fines and penalties recovered under the provisions of this Act, shall be paid into the hands of the Treasurer of the said Town Council, and the proceeds of all licenses granted under this Act, shall form part of the public funds of the said town, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

By-laws, &c., to be posted before coming into force.

XLVI. Before any By-law or Regulation of the said Town Council, for the infringement whereof any penalty may be incurred, shall have force or be binding, such By-law or Regulation shall be posted up within the fifteen days following its passing at the Town Hall of the said town and the Catholic Church, and the certificate of the person who shall have posted up the said By-law, sworn to before a Justice of the Peace, shall be *prima facie* evidence of such publication.

Council may effect loans.

XLVII. It shall be lawful for the said Town Council, from time to time, to borrow divers sums of money for effecting improvements in the said town, for the purpose of building one or more market houses, or for draining the streets, or for furnishing the said town with water, and generally for such purposes as the said Council shall deem useful or necessary.

Duties of Council with respect to loans.

XLVIII. Whenever the said Council shall contract loans upon the credit of the said town, they shall be bound and they are hereby required to pro-