

the land sold, in whole or in part, the said Council, after having ascertained the fact by the certificate of the Registrar of the County of Richelieu, and after the expiration of the delay hereinbefore granted for the redemption of such land, shall by preference apply the said surplus money, both principal and interest, after deducting the costs incurred 5 by the Council, to the discharge of the said claims and charges, according to their respective order of priority in conformity with the law; and then if any money still remains, it shall be returned and paid to the person or persons who were proprietors of the land at the time of sale, or to such other persons as may be entitled thereto; but in case 10 contestations should arise among the hypothecary creditors, and any doubt should exist as to their respective rights of priority or privileges, or between the latter or any of them, and the proprietor of the land sold with respect to such claims or charge, the said Council shall be entitled to retain, in whole or in part the surplus remaining after the 15 sale, after the said assessments and debts owing to the Corporation shall have been discharged, together with the costs incurred as aforesaid, until the rights of the parties shall have been decided upon by a Court of competent jurisdiction.

7. If the highest bidder does not, upon the day of sale, pay the 20 amount of the purchase-money, the Secretary-Treasurer shall adjourn the sale until another day, not later than one week, by giving to all persons present notice of the adjournment of the sale in loud and intelligible language, and on the day of the sale so adjourned, the Secretary-Treasurer shall again offer the real property for sale, and shall sell 25 it in whole or in part, unless, in the interval, the first purchaser shall have paid the amount of all assessments and claims owing upon the real property.

8. Upon payment by the highest bidder of the amount of the purchase money, the Secretary-Treasurer shall give him a certificate under 30 his hand, specifying the particulars of the sale, and the highest bidder shall then be seized of the lot or parcel of land adjudged, and may take possession thereof.

9. Every such certificate shall be in duplicate; one duplicate shall be given to the person who shall have paid the purchase money, and the 35 other shall remain of record in the office of the Secretary-Treasurer.

10. Every such certificate or a copy thereof, certified by the Secretary-Treasurer, shall be evidence of the payment therein mentioned, and after having been registered at the office of the proper Registrar, shall insure to the person therein mentioned, his heirs, and 40 assigns, a privilege and hypothec, taking precedence over all other claims against the lot or parcel of land so sold, for the reimbursement of the sum which shall be therein specified, with interest at the rate of six per centum per annum, reckoning from the date of the certificate, except over *cens et rentes* or *rentes constituées* representing *cens et rentes* 45 as provided by the Consolidated Seigniorial Act and the Acts amending the same.

11. If, at the expiration of one year from the day of adjudication, the real property so adjudged has not been redeemed as hereinbefore mentioned, then the Secretary-Treasurer shall, on the application of 50 the highest bidder, his heirs, representatives or assigns, and on proof of the payment of the arrears of all other assessments which shall have become payable in the interval, execute, in due notarial form, a contract