

- the Corpora-
tion. Municipality, whenever thereunto authorized by the Council, but no such draft or order shall be lawfully paid by the said Secretary-Treasurer, unless the same shall shew sufficiently the use to be made of the sum mentioned in such draft or order, or the nature of the debt to be paid thereby ; 5
- Shall keep the
books. 8. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep in due form, books of account in which he shall respectively enter each item of receipt and expenditure, according to dates, mentioning at the same time the names of the persons who have paid any moneys into his hands or to whom he has made any payment respectively, and he shall keep in his office the vouchers for all 10 expenditure ;
- To render at-
tested ac-
counts. 9. The Secretary-Treasurer shall render to the Council every six months, that is to say, in the months of June and December in each year or oftener, if required by such Council, a detailed account of his receipt and expenditure, attested by him under oath. 15
- Books to be
open to public. 10. The Secretary-Treasurer's books of account and vouchers shall, at all reasonable hours of the day, be opened for inspection, as well to the Council as to each of the members thereof, and the Municipal Officers by them appointed, or to any person liable to assessment in the Town ;
- He may be
sued by the
Mayor in the
name of the
Corporation. 11. The Secretary-Treasurer, or any other person who shall have filled 20 the said office, may be sued by the Mayor in the name of the Corporation, before any tribunal of competent jurisdiction, for having failed to render an account, and in any such action he may be condemned to pay damages and interest for having failed to render such account ; and if he renders an account, he shall be condemned to pay such balance as he 25 shall acknowledge or declare to have in his hands, together with such other sums as he ought to have debited himself with, or as the Court shall think he ought to be held accountable for ; and every judgment pronounced in any such suit shall include interest at twelve per cent. on the amount thereof by way of damages, together with the costs of suit ; 30
- Damages in
such suit.
- Contrainte
par corps.* 12. Every such judgment shall carry *contrainte par corps* against the said Secretary-Treasurer, according to the laws in force in like cases in Lower Canada, if such *contrainte* be demanded in the action to compel the rendering of the said account ;
- Power of
Council to
appoint offi-
cers. 13. The Council shall have power and authority to appoint such other 35 officers as may be necessary for carrying into effect the provisions of this Act, or of any By-law or regulation of such Council ;
- Officers retir-
ing—their
duties. 14. Every Municipal Officer, whether elected or appointed shall, within eight days from the day on which he shall cease to hold such office, deliver to his successor, if he be then elected or appointed, or if 40 not, then within eight days after the election or appointment of such successor, all moneys, keys, books, papers and insignia belonging to such office ;
- In case of
death, or ab-
sence from
Lower Canada 15. If any such officer die or absent himself from Lower Canada with- 45 out having delivered up all such moneys, keys, books, papers and in-
signia, it shall be the duty of his heirs or other legal representative to deliver the same to his successor within one month from his death or from his departure from Lower Canada ;