

**54** From and after the passing of this Act, every proprietor or agent who shall wilfully grant a certificate or receipt setting forth a less sum than the rent really paid or payable for the premises therein mentioned or referred to, and every tenant who shall present to the assessors of the said Town such a receipt or certificate, falsely representing the value of the rent paid by such tenant, in order to procure a diminution or abatement of his assessment, or who shall directly or 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 currency or less, or to imprisonment during one calendar month or less, according to the judgment of such Mayor or Justice of the Peace.

Penalty for granting false receipts for rent in order to lessen taxes.

**55** 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, after 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 costs of arbitration.

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

**56** The said Council shall have full and unlimited 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 market-place, or for the erection of any public building, or generally for any object of public utility of whatsoever nature.

Council may acquire lands for certain purposes.

**57** When the proprietor of a lot which the said Council shall be desirous of purchasing, for any object of public utility whatsoever, 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 *femes covert*, the said Council may apply to the Circuit Court of the District of Iberville, 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 the District of Iberville, 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 then be lawful for the said Prothonotary, and he is hereby required to remit such sum to the Secretary-Treasurer of

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