

Proof of qualification before election or nomination.

"2. No person shall be qualified to act as Mayor, Alderman or Councillor, until he shall have placed or caused to be placed in the hands of the City Clerk, a certificate of the Recorder or of a Judge of the Superior Court, declaring that such person has proved before him that he possesses the property qualification required by the last preceding subsection; provided, that if such certificate be not produced within two months from the date of his election, the seat of such Mayor, Alderman or Councillor shall be vacant;"

Oaths of allegiance and of office.

"3. The Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors shall not act as such until they shall have taken the oath of allegiance, mentioned in schedule A, and also the oath of office before the Recorder or a Justice of the Peace for the city or district of Quebec;"

Persons disqualified.

"4. The following persons shall not be elected Mayor, Aldermen or Councillors: persons in holy orders, the ministers or preachers of religious sects, dissenters or congregations, judges, clerks of courts, persons accountable for the funds of the said city, persons in receipt of salaries, emoluments, fees or wages from the said city for their services, the officers and employees of the Corporation, poll-clerks, persons convicted of treason or felony, before a Court of Justice in any of Her Majesty's possessions, the contractors for the works of the said city or of the water-works and their sureties, and generally all parties interested in any manner whatsoever in any contract or bargain with the Corporation."

Section 15 amended.

"2. Subsection two of section fifteen of the said Act is repealed, and the following substituted therefor:

When the Mayor, &c., shall enter on their duties, after election.

"2. The Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors elected at the annual election aforesaid, shall not enter upon the duties of their offices, and shall not enjoy any of the rights and privileges attached to their respective offices, until and after the second Monday in January following their election; if that Monday should happen to be a public holiday, they shall enter upon the duties of their offices upon the next juridical day."

Section 16 amended.

"3. Subsection five of section sixteen of the said Act is repealed, and the following substituted therefor:

Majority to decide questions: no ballot.

"5. The absolute majority of the members present shall determine all questions and matters (except the passing of by-laws) submitted to the Council; the Council shall not in any case vote by ballot."

Section 17 amended.

"4. The following subsections are added to the seventeenth section of the said Act: