

Oath of Deputy  
Returning offi-  
cers.

XVI. The Councillor presiding at any election shall not be bound to take any oath for the holding of such election, because he will act under his oath of office ; and before proceeding to hold any election under this Act each deputy shall take the following oath, which any Justice of the Peace residing in the said City is hereby authorized to administer, to wit :— 5

“ I solemnly swear that I will faithfully and impartially, to the best of my judgment and ability, discharge the duties of Deputy Returning Officer at the election which I am about to hold of a person (*or persons*) to serve as Mayor (*or Councillors, as the case may be*) of the City of St. Hyacinthe. So help me God.” 10

Power to keep  
the peace at  
Elections.

XVII. The Councillor presiding and each Deputy Returning Officer at any Municipal Election in the said City shall have the power, and they are hereby required, to preserve peace and order at such election, and to this end during its continuance they shall and may cause to be imprisoned in the Common Gaol of the District of Montreal, or in that of the County of St. Hyacinthe, when it shall have been constituted a Common Gaol, any person making or causing a disturbance or rioting and fighting at such election, or using or threatening to use any violence for the purpose of preventing any elector from coming forward to vote or from retiring without being molested after having voted, or from remaining as a peaceable spectator at such election, and they shall and may require and command the assistance of all persons present at such election, or of any constable or peace officer in the said City, who are hereby required to give their assistance in arresting and imprisoning any person so causing noise, interruption, trouble or disturbance as aforesaid ; Provided always, that no such imprisonment shall be for a longer period than one calendar month ; and the Sheriff and Gaoler who may be in charge of the said Common Gaols are hereby required to receive all such offenders on the warrant of the Councillor appointed to preside at any such election ; and every Deputy shall have in his Ward, in the absence of the Councillor presiding at the election, the same powers as he. 15 20 25 30

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Power to exam-  
ine voters on oath  
as to their qual-  
ification.

XVIII. The Councillor presiding, or the Deputy Returning Officer at any election under this Act shall have authority, and he is hereby enjoined, whenever thereunto required by any person duly qualified to vote at such election, to examine on oath, (or affirmation, in cases in which affirmation is allowed by law) any candidate for the office of Mayor or Councillor of the said City touching his qualification for election to the said office ; and shall also have authority, and is hereby enjoined, on demand as aforesaid, to examine on oath (or affirmation) any person offering to vote at any election ; and in these two cases the oath shall be administered by the Councillor presiding or Deputy Returning Officer in the following form, that is to say :— 35 40

The Oath.

“ You swear that you will true answer make to all such questions as I shall put to you in my capacity of Councillor presiding (*or of Deputy Returning Officer, as the case may be*) at this election, touching your qualification to be elected Mayor (*or Councillor*) of the said City ; 45