

An Act respecting Police in the City of Three Rivers.

HER Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:—

- 1.** The Governor may, by a Commission under the Great Seal of this Province, appoint a fit and proper person to be Police Magistrate in the City of Three Rivers, and to fulfil the duties of Justice of the Peace, in the District of Three Rivers at the office of the Peace and of Police already established in the said City, and the person so appointed may, during the period of his holding the said office, fulfil the duties of Justice of the Peace for the said District, although he may not possess the property qualification required by law in the case of other persons discharging the functions of Justice of the Peace.
- 2.** Any person so appointed Police Magistrate before entering upon his duties as such shall take the following oath before a Judge of the Superior Court:—
- 15 I, A, B, do solemnly swear that I will faithfully, and impartially, and to the best of my ability, perform all the duties, and exercise the powers of a Justice of the Peace, in virtue of chapter one hundred and two of the Consolidated Statutes for Lower Canada.
- 3.** The Police Magistrate for the District of Three Rivers shall in virtue of his office be a Justice of the Peace for the Criminal District of Three Rivers, and shall be invested with all the rights and powers of one or two Justices of the Peace in the said District, according as circumstances may require, and all his judgments, sentences, and decisions shall have the same force and effect as if they had been rendered by two Justices of the Peace regularly commissioned in and for the District of Three Rivers.
- 4.** There may from time to time, be appointed by order of the Secretary of the Province, upon the application of the Corporation of the City of Three Rivers, the requisite number of suitable and active men to form a Police Force, who shall be sworn by the said Police Magistrate to act as constables for the preservation of the peace, the prevention of theft and other crimes, and the arresting of breakers of the peace, and they shall enjoy all the powers conferred upon policemen in the Cities of Montreal and Quebec, by the law now in force in this Province.
- 5.** An appeal shall lie from any judgment rendered by the said Police Magistrate to the Court of Queen's Bench, in the exercise of its criminal jurisdiction in the District of Three Rivers, provided that the appellant shall have complied with the conditions and requirements provided by law in such cases, and that he shall have given notice of his intention of appeal within three days from the date of the conviction from which he

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