

ture holders may be represented by Proxies, and any person producing at such meeting any Debentures, shall be deemed to be the owners thereof, and entitled to vote thereon, or, in lieu thereof, any person attending such meeting may produce a certificate from the Manager of the City Bank aforesaid, granted not more than two months previous to such meeting, or from the City Chamberlain of the City of Hamilton, (such Debentures being at the same time stamped or marked with the word, "Registered," and signed by such Manager or Chamberlain) to the effect that the party named therein had requested to be registered, and was the registered owner of such, and so many of the said Debentures as shall be specified in such certificate, and upon the production of such certificate, shall be entitled to vote either in person or by proxy in the same manner as if he had produced the Debenture or Debentures mentioned in such certificate; and the certificate in writing of the chairman of such meeting shall be taken as prima facie proof of the acceptance of this Act by such Debenture holders, which certificate shall be filed in the office of the Provincial Secretary of Canada, and certified copies thereof by the said Secretary shall be taken and considered by all Courts of law and equity in this Province as sufficient prima facie evidence of the contents thereof.

Form of proxy.

12. Any form of proxy authorizing the holder thereof to vote at such meeting shall be sufficient, if accompanied by the production of the Debentures or such certificate as aforesaid.

The acceptance of this Act contingent on certain payments.

13. The acceptance of this Act is contingent upon the payment of all arrears of interest up to the thirty-first day of December one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, and of interest at the rate of three per cent. up to the thirty-first day of December one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two; all costs of suit legally chargeable upon any suits or actions which were incurred previously to the first day of January last, and all other costs and expenses incurred by the holders of Debentures, as between solicitor and client, shall also be paid and borne by the said city, and shall, if desired, be taxed by the taxing officers of the Courts of Upper Canada in the usual manner.

Council may raise a sum to pay arrears of interest.

14. It shall be incumbent on the Council immediately after the passing of this Act to levy and raise a sum sufficient to pay and discharge the arrears of interest for the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, and which by the terms of the foregoing section of this Act, are to be paid in full at the rate of six per cent, such assessment being based and struck upon the Assessment Rolls of 1862, and to appoint a special Collector or Collectors for that purpose, and the powers and penalties given by this Act, shall be applicable to such levy in the same manner as is herein provided for the levying of the other special rates by this Act, directed to be levied.

Special rate for interest for years 1862-63.

15. It shall, in like manner, be incumbent on the City Council within two months after the acceptance of this Act, in the manner hereinafter provided, to impose and assess a special rate of thirty cents in the dollar for the purpose of meeting the interest for the years one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two, and one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three as herein provided, and levy and raise the same with all reasonable despatch, and all such interest as shall be due at the time of such acceptance, shall be paid at the same time as the Debentures to be granted under this Act shall be interchanged with the holders of existing Debentures, and thereafter on the first days of January and July, as hereinbefore provided: Provided always, that if the city shall obtain by loan or otherwise a sum sufficient to pay off the interest for one thousand eight

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