

**The Oath.** "I, \_\_\_\_\_, having been appointed one of the assessors of  
 "the Town of Beauharnois, do solemnly swear, that I will diligently and  
 "honestly discharge the duties of that office to the best of my judg-  
 "ment and ability: So help me God."

**Real property qualification of Assessors.** **23.** The assessors who shall be appointed for the said town shall be 5  
 proprietors of real estate in the said town of the value of at least six  
 hundred dollars.

**Proceedings of Council upon deposit of assessment roll.** **24.** When the assessors shall have made a valuation of all the  
 rateable property of the said town, they shall deposit the assessment  
 roll with the Secretary-Treasurer of the said Town, and notice of such 10  
 deposit shall be given by the Secretary-Treasurer in the same manner  
 as notice of an election of Councillors; And at the next ensuing meet-  
 ing of the said Council, the said assessment roll shall be produced, and  
 if they desire it, examined by the Councillors; and the assessment roll  
 shall be deposited in the office of the Secretary-Treasurer for the period 15  
 of one month, dating from such meeting; and during that period it  
 shall remain open to the inspection of all persons whose property shall  
 have been estimated, or their representatives; and within that period,  
 persons considering themselves aggrieved may give notice in writing to  
 the Secretary-Treasurer of their intention to appeal to the said Town 20  
 Council, complaining of any excessive valuation, and such appeal  
 shall be tried by the said Council, at the first meeting which shall  
 be held after the expiration of the month above mentioned;  
 and the said Council, after having heard the parties and their  
 witnesses under oath, which shall be administered by the Mayor 25  
 or presiding Councillor, shall confirm or alter the valuation, the change  
 whereof shall have been prayed for, as to them shall seem just; and at  
 the same meeting the said assessment roll shall be declared closed for two  
 years; unless, however, from the number of appeals, the Council shall  
 be compelled to adjourn, in which case the said assessment roll shall not 30  
 be declared closed until all the appeals shall have been heard and deter-  
**Proviso; as to diminution in value.** mined; provided always, that if, after the said assessment roll shall have  
 been declared closed as aforesaid, any property, in the said Town, should  
 suffer any considerable diminution in value, either through fire, demoli-  
 tion, accident, or any other reasonable cause, it shall be lawful for the 35  
 said Council, upon the petition of the proprietor, to instruct the assessors  
 to reduce their valuation of such property to its then actual value; and  
 provided also, that if any omission shall have been made in the said  
 assessment roll, the said Council may order the assessors to value any  
**Proviso; as to omissions.** property so omitted, in order to its being added to the roll; and pro- 40  
**Proviso.** vided also that the said assessors shall, when directed by the said Coun-  
 cil, make a yearly valuation of the stocks of merchandize held in the  
 said Town.

**Two Auditors of accounts to be appointed and sworn.** **25.** At the first meeting after each annual Municipal Election, two  
 persons shall be appointed by the said Town Council to be Auditors of 45  
 the accounts of the said Council; and such Auditors shall take the  
 following oath, before any one of the Justices of the Peace residing in  
 the said Town, that is to say:

**The oath.** "I, \_\_\_\_\_, having been appointed to the office of Auditor of  
 "the Town of Beauharnois, do hereby swear that I will faithfully perform 50  
 "the duties thereof according to the best of my judgment and ability;  
 "and I do declare that I have not, directly or indirectly, any share or  
 "interest whatever in any contract or employment with, by, or on be-  
 "half of the Town Council of the said Town of Beauharnois: So help  
 "me God."