

2. The court or judge, as the case may be, to whom the said petition shall have been presented, shall appoint three commissioners as aforesaid, and fix the day on which the said commissioners shall begin their operations, and also the day on which they shall make their report; provided always, it shall be lawful for the said court, or the said judge, to extend the said delays upon reasonable grounds being shown to that effect;

3. The judgment embodying the said appointment shall be served, with as little delay as possible, upon the said commissioners, who shall be held to accept the said office and to perform the duties thereof, under the penalty of a fine of one hundred dollars, which it shall be competent for the said Superior Court to inflict upon each of the said commissioners upon proof of his, or their, refusal or neglect to perform the said duties; but the exemptions provided for, in behalf of certain persons, by the second section of chapter eighty-four of the consolidated statutes for Lower Canada, relating to Juries, shall apply equally to any of the said commissioners, who may appertain to any one of the classes of persons mentioned in the said last cited section;

4. Immediately after the appointment of the said commissioners, it shall be the duty of the city surveyor to furnish them with a plan or map shewing the proposed improvement, as also the pieces or parcels of ground or real estate to be expropriated;

5. The said commissioners, before proceeding, shall be duly sworn before the Prothonotary of the said Superior Court in the form specified in the annexed schedule, marked A; and they shall be vested with the same powers and entrusted with the same duties as are conferred by the laws in force in Lower Canada upon experts in reference to appraisements; and they shall be entitled to receive a remuneration not exceeding four dollars per day each, during the whole time they shall of necessity be occupied in the performance of the said duties;

6. The said commissioners may, if they deem proper, call upon the proprietors or parties interested, to give them communication of their title deeds; and upon their failing to comply with such demands the said commissioners are hereby authorized to procure copies of the said title deeds at the cost of the said proprietors or parties interested; and the amount of said costs shall be deducted from the price or compensation to be finally awarded to the said proprietors or parties interested for the expropriation;

7. It shall be the duty of the said commissioners to diligently proceed to appraise and determine the amount of the price, indemnity or compensation which they shall deem just and reasonable for each of the pieces or parcels of land or real estate,

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