

Mayor and
Councillors
now in office.

VII. The Mayor and Councillors of the said Town who are at present in office, and have been so since the municipal election in the month of July (1855) one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, shall remain and are hereby authorized to remain in office until the elections which are to take place by virtue of this Act, and all By-laws, ordinances, agreements, 5 dispositions and engagements whatever, passed and entered into by the Municipal Council of the Town of Three Rivers shall continue to have full and entire force to all intents and purposes as though this Act had never been passed, and until such time as the said By-laws, agreements or engagements shall be formally rescinded, abolished or fulfilled, and the 10 said Corporation, as constituted under this Act, shall succeed and be substituted for all purposes whatsoever in the engagements, rights and trusts of the Municipal Council of the Town of Three Rivers, as constituted by the Lower Canada Municipal and Road Act of eighteen hundred and fifty-five (1855) as amended by the Act amending the Lower Can- 15 ada Municipal and Road Act of 1856.

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held.

VIII. The municipal elections for the said Town, in virtue of this Act, shall be held on the first Monday in July of each year, or on the day following if the said Monday be a holiday, and public notice thereof shall be given at the door of the Parish Church, and read after the termination 20 of the Parish Mass on the two Sundays immediately preceding the said elections, and also read in the market square of the said Town on the two market days immediately preceding the said elections, and the said notice shall be signed for the first election in virtue of this Act, by the Registrar of the registration division of Three Rivers, whose duty it shall 25 be to preside at the said first election, and for all subsequent elections the said notice shall be signed by the Mayor or the Secretary-Treasurer of the said Council, and shall specify the day, place and hour upon which the said elections are to take place in each of the wards of the said Town.

Registrar to
preside at first
election.

IX. It shall be the duty of the Registrar of the registration division of 30 Three Rivers to preside at the first election which shall take place on the first Monday of July next, and to appoint a deputy in each of the wards of the said Town in which the election is to take place; and the polls shall be open in each of the wards for the reception and registration of votes from ten of the clock in the forenoon, until four of the afternoon of the day ap- 35 pointed for the said election; Provided the election shall not have taken place by acclamation; and at the said election each elector shall be entitled to vote in his ward for two Councillors for the said ward, and shall be entitled at the same time to vote for a Mayor of the said Town; and at the closing of the poll the said deputies shall declare the two persons who shall have 40 obtained the greatest number of votes to be duly elected members of the said Town Council, and in cases in which the candidates in any ward shall have an equal number of votes, then, and in that case, the Deputy acting in the said Ward shall give his vote in favor of one or two candidates in such a manner that two Councillors shall be elected for the said 45 ward.

Duty of De-
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2nd. It shall be the duty of the Deputies immediately after the closing of the Polls in their respective Wards, immediately to report to the Registrar the number of votes registered in their respective Wards for the election of a Mayor for the said Town, and the Registrar, at six of 50 the clock of the afternoon shall at the Town Hall declare the person who shall have obtained the greatest number of votes in his favor to be duly