

any payment respectively, and he shall keep in his office the vouchers for all expenditure;

9. The Secretary-Treasurer shall render to the Council every six months, that is to say, in the months of June and December in each year, 5 or oftener if required by such Council, a detailed account of his receipts and expenditure, attested by him under oath:

To render attested accounts.

10. The Secretary-Treasurer's books of account and vouchers shall, at all reasonable hours of the day, be opened for inspection, as well to the Council as to each of the members thereof, and the Municipal Officers 10 by them appointed, or to any person liable to assessment in the town;

Books to be open to public.

11. The Secretary-Treasurer, or any other person, who shall have filled the said office, may be sued by the Mayor in the name of the Corporation, before any tribunal of competent jurisdiction, for having failed to render an account, and in any such action he may be condemned to pay 15 damages and interest for having failed to render such account; and if he renders an account, he shall be condemned to pay such balance as he shall acknowledge or declare to have in his hands, together with such other sums as he ought to have debited himself with, or as the Court shall think he ought to be held accountable for; and every judgment pronounced in 20 any such suit shall include interest at twelve per cent on the amount thereof by way of damages, together with the costs of suit;

He may be sued by the Mayor in the name of the Corporation.

Damages in such suit.

12. Every such judgment shall carry *contrainte par corps* against the said Secretary-Treasurer, according to the laws in force in like cases in Lower Canada, if such *contrainte* be demanded in the action to compel 25 the rendering of the said account;

*Contrainte par Corps*

13. The Council shall have power and authority to appoint such other officers as may be necessary for carrying into effect the provisions of this Act, or of any By-law or Regulation of such Council;

Power of Council to appoint officers.

14. Every Municipal Officer, whether elected or appointed, shall 30 within eight days from the day on which he shall cease to hold such office, deliver to his successor, if he be then elected or appointed, or if not, then within eight days after the election or appointment of such successor, all moneys, keys, books, papers and insignia belonging to such office;

Officers retiring—their duties.

15. If any such officer die or absent himself from Lower Canada, 35 without having delivered up all such moneys, keys, books, papers and insignia, it shall be the duty of his heirs or other legal representatives to deliver the same to his successor within one month from his death, or from his departure from Lower Canada;

In case of death or absence from Lower Canada

16. And in every such case, the successor in office of every such officer shall, besides all other legal remedies, have a right of action before any Court of Justice, either by *saisie revendication*, or otherwise, to 40 recover from such officer or from his legal representatives, or any other person in possession of the same, all such moneys, keys, books or insignia, together with costs and damages in favor of the Corporation; and every judgment rendered in every such action may be enforced by *contrainte par corps* against the person condemned, according to the laws in force in such cases in Lower Canada, each time the said *contrainte* is demanded by the declaration.

His successor to have a right of action for certain purposes.

21. The said Town Council shall have power, whenever they may 50 deem it advisable, to appoint assessors or valuers of property to estimate the rateable property in the said town according to its real value, and in the manner and within the periods which shall be fixed by the said Town Council.

Assessors to be appointed their duties.

22. Every person so appointed assessor shall be bound before proceeding to the valuation of any property in the said town, to take the 55 following oath before the Mayor of the said town, or in his absence, before a Councillor, to wit:

Assessors to take oath.