

"Assessors" wherever the latter word occurs; but the provisions contained in the two next preceding sections shall not apply to cases where the Commissioners shall have commenced the proceedings of expropriation at the time of the passing of this Act.

Commissioners to be appointed to assess in cases, where the lands is acquired by amicable arrangement.

14. When the Corporation of the said City, after having resolved to carry out an improvement, at the cost of the parties interested, in whole or in part, shall have acquired by amicable arrangement and without having recourse to proceedings in expropriation, all the pieces or parcels of ground required for the said improvement, (hypothesis under which, before the repeal of the sections of the said Act twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth Victoria, chapter sixty, hereby abrogated, the City Assessors were held to assess and apportion, without limitation as to time, the cost of the improvement upon the real estate benefited) the said Corporation shall, by a petition to be addressed to the Superior Court or to any Judge thereof, in vacation, cause to be appointed three Commissioners for the special purpose of making and determining the apportionment or special assessment to cover the cost of the said improvement, in whole or in part, as the case may be; and the said Commissioners shall make such apportionment or special assessment in the manner specified in the foregoing sections; nothing herein contained shall deprive any of the parties interested from availing themselves of any irregularity in the original proceedings, and of contesting the right of the said Corporation to make or cause such assessment to be made.

Rights saved.

Sec. 17 of 27 & 28 Vic. cap. 60, amended.

15. The seventeenth section of the said Act, twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth Victoria, chapter sixty, is hereby amended, and hereafter all the powers conferred upon the Superior Court by the said section to call in the creditors and issue such orders as regards the distribution of the price or indemnity, shall be exercised with as much validity by any of the Judges of the said Court during the vacation and out of term.

Delay within which real estate may be sold for taxes.

16. The delay of five years fixed by the seventy-fifth section of the Act fourteenth and fifteenth Victoria, chapter one hundred and twenty-eight, for the sale of real estate, in case of non payment of the assessments due thereon, is hereby reduced to two years.

Loan of \$400,000 to pay all floating debt, authorized.

17. And whereas it is expedient to make provisions for consolidating the floating debt of the said City and for placing the financial affairs of the said City on a better footing, by providing means for paying off the said debt, by means of a sinking fund: it is enacted that it shall be lawful for the said corporation to borrow, by and through the issue of debentures, in sums not less than five hundred dollars each, a sum not exceeding four hundred thousand dollars to pay off and extinguish the floating debt; and the provisions of the second section of the Act sixteenth Victoria, chapter

Certain provisions to apply.