

responsibility of such corporations and persons towards those whom they represent, as regards the purchase money or compensation of such sales or conveyances.

13. In case the council of the said city, after having resolved upon undertaking and carrying out any of the said works or improvements for which it has been necessary to acquire one or more lots of ground or real property, or any part of such lots of ground or real property, within the limits of the said city, cannot come to an amicable arrangement with the persons seized or possessed of, upon any title whatsoever, or interested in, the said lots of ground or real property, or any part thereof, or who may be absent or unknown, as regards the price or compensation to be paid for the said lots of ground or real property, or any part thereof (the said corporation, however, shall not be bound to take any step or proceeding towards securing such amicable arrangement), such price or compensation shall be fixed and determined in the following manner, to wit :

1. The corporation of the said city, by their attorney or counsel, shall give special notice addressed through the Post Office to the person in whose name the property was lastly assessed on the Assessment Roll, as proprietor at his actual or last known domicile and shall also give public notice in at least two newspapers, one of which published in the French and the other in the English language, in the said city, which said notice shall have two insertions in each of the said newspapers, that they will by and through their said attorney and counsel present on the day and hour mentioned in the said notice, to the Superior Court of Lower Canada, in and for the District of Montreal, sitting in term, or to any of the Judges of the said Court in Chambers, pending the vacation, and during the months of July and August in each and every year, a petition calling upon the said Court or any one of the Judges thereof respectively, to choose and nominate three competent and disinterested persons to act as Commissioners to fix and determine the price or compensation to be allowed for each and every such lot of ground or real property, or any part thereof, which may be required by the said corporation for the purposes of the said improvements, and which shall be designated in the said notice by giving the boundaries (*tenants et aboutissants*) ; and one month at least shall elapse from the date of the last insertion of the said notice in the said newspapers, to the day appointed for the presentation of the said petition ; and the said notice shall moreover, be posted in both languages, twenty days previous to the date of the presentation of the said petition, in three different places, upon each and every lot of ground or real property liable to expropriation, or in the immediate vicinity thereof ;

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