

BONUSING MILLS.

24. (1) Subject as hereinafter provided it shall be lawful for the council or councils of any one or more townships or village municipalities in the Provisional County of Haliburton to pass a by-law or by-laws for granting aid to secure the establishment of a grist mill in such township or village, by taking stock in any such enterprise to an amount not exceeding under the powers hereby conferred, one-half of the actual cost of establishing the mill nor, in any event, to a greater amount than \$3,000, to issue debentures for the purpose of paying for such stock and do all other acts in connection therewith, as if the power to grant bonuses were still vested in municipalities.

(2) No such aid by way of subscribed stock shall be given until after the passing of a by-law by the municipal council for the purpose and the adoption of such by-law by the qualified electors as provided by The Consolidated Municipal Act, 1892, in the case of by-laws for the creation of debts, and except as herein otherwise provided, all the provisions of the said Act relating to the creation of debts and the assent of the qualified ratepayers shall apply.

(3) In case two or more municipalities join in granting aid as herein provided the by-law shall in addition to the other provisions and requirements of this Act, receive a majority of the votes cast in each such municipality.

(4) Notwithstanding anything in the preceding section contained, the vote of two-thirds in the affirmative of the ratepayers who are entitled to vote upon any by-law granting aid to, or for promoting the establishment of a grist mill or for lending money thereto shall be necessary in order to the carrying of the by-law.

(5) No such aid shall be granted for the establishment of a grist mill in a location less than twenty miles from any grist mill heretofore established in the said county and in operation at the time of the passing of this Act.

(6) In addition to the certificate required by section 318 of the Consolidated Municipal Act, 1892, the clerk, in case of a majority of votes being in favor of the by-law, shall further certify whether or not, as shown by the voters' list, such majority appears to be two-thirds of all the voters who are entitled to vote on the by-law and a clear majority of the votes cast in each municipality.

(7) In case of a dispute as to the result of the vote on any by-law submitted under this act, the judge of the county court of the county of Victoria shall have the same powers for determining the question as he has in any case of a scrutiny of votes.

(8) The petition to the judge may be by an elector or by the council, and the proceedings for obtaining the judge's decision shall be the same as nearly as may be as in the case of a scrutiny.

(9) Sections 209 to 222, 293 to 319, and sections 321 to 328, inclusive, of the Consolidated Municipal Act, 1892, and their sub-sections, shall be taken and considered as part of this act.

(10) Except as herein otherwise provided, all the provisions of the Consolidated Municipal Act, 1892, relating to the creation of debts, the issue of debentures and the time and manner of repayment of the same shall apply and be read as part of this act.

(11) The council of each municipality taking stock in the company as herein provided shall annually, at its first meeting for the year, elect from among its members a representative of such council to the board of directors of the company, and such representative shall be entitled to sit and vote at all meetings of the board and to vote at all meetings of shareholders in respect of the stock held by the municipality which he represents.

VICTORIAN ORDER OF NURSES.

25. The council of any municipality may assist the Victorian Order of Nurses by a grant of money to the order.

26. Sub-section 1 of section 24 of the Consolidated Municipal Act, 1892, is amended by adding thereto the following words: "and the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council may also by such proclamation provide that the said first mentioned village or town so annexed or to be annexed shall, for the purpose of elections to the Legislative Assembly, continue for such period of time as may be mentioned in the proclamation to form part of the electoral division of which it had theretofore formed a part."

27. The proclamation bearing date the 21st day of April, 1896, annexing the village of Allandale to the town of Barrie, and providing that the said village should, for the purposes of elections to the Legislative Assembly, continue for the term of ten years from the 15th day of December, 1896, to form part of the electoral division of Cardwell, is hereby confirmed.

DEPUTY-RETURNING OFFICERS.

28. Section 99 of the Consolidated Municipal Act, 1892, is amended by adding thereto the following sub-section:

(2) In case during the polling the returning officer or deputy-returning officer at any polling-place becomes unable to perform his duties through illness or other cause, the poll-clerk at such polling-place shall act as returning officer or deputy-returning officer, as the case may be, and he may appoint some other person to act as poll-clerk, and shall perform all the duties of a returning officer or deputy-returning officer.

NOMINATIONS.

29. Section 116 of the Consolidated Municipal Act, 1892, is amended by striking out all the words therein after the word "office," in the sixth line, and inserting the following in lieu thereof:

"But if more candidates are proposed for any particular office than are required to be elected, the clerk or other returning officer or chairman shall adjourn the proceedings for filling such office until the first Monday in January next thereafter, where (unless there shall be an election by acclamation by reason of the resignation of any candidate or candidates nominated, as in the next succeeding section provided) a poll or polls shall be opened in each ward or polling-subdivision at such place or places respectively as may be fixed by the by-law of the said council for the election at nine o'clock in the morning, and shall continue open until five o'clock in the afternoon, and no longer."

This amendment does away with the necessity for demanding a poll at a municipal nomination.

30. In case, at an annual or other municipal election, the candidates, or any of them who are nominated, retire, and by reason of such retirement the requisite number of persons is not elected, then the members elected, if they equal or exceed the half the council when complete, or a majority of such members, shall order a new election to be held to fill the vacancies so caused, in the manner provided by the Consolidated Municipal Act, 1892.

31. In case, by reason of such retirement, less than half the members of council are elected, the clerk as returning officer shall cause a new election to be held, in the manner provided by the Consolidated Municipal Act, 1892, and until such election is held and the number of members necessary to complete the council is elected, the council of the preceding year shall continue in office, and may do or cause to be done all such acts as a council duly elected for that year might lawfully do.

ABSENCE OF MAYOR OR REEVE.

32. (1) Sub-section 1 of section 182 of the Consolidated Municipal Act, 1892, is amended by striking out the words "city or" in the first line.

(2) In case the office of mayor in a city becomes vacant after the 1st day of July in any year, and an election to fill the vacancy has not

been ordered by the court or a judge, the council shall elect one of their own number to fill the office during the residue of the term.

33. Section 238 of the Consolidated Municipal Act, 1892, is repealed.

34. Sub-section 1 of section 239 of the said act is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

(1) In the case of the absence of the head of the council from illness or any other cause, or in case his office is vacant, the council may, from among the members thereof, appoint a presiding officer who, during such absence or vacancy, shall have all the powers of the head council.

RETURNS TO BUREAU OF STATISTICS.

35. Sub-section 1 of section 248 of the Consolidated Municipal Act, 1892, is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the words "and every such return shall be transmitted by mail in a registered package."

36. Sub-section 1 of section 248 of the said act is amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

(a) The clerk of every municipality shall, within one month after the final passing of every by-law for creating a debt, send to the secretary of the Bureau of Industries one copy of the newspaper advertisement required under section 345 of this act.

37. Sub-section 1 of section 252 of the said Act is amended by adding at the end thereof the words "and every such return shall be transmitted by mail in a registered package."

38. Sub-section 2 of section 263 of the said act is hereby amended as follows:

(a) By inserting in the third line after the words "and also" the words "in duplicate."

(b) By inserting in the sixth line after the word "shall" the words "under a penalty of \$20 in case of default," and by inserting after the word "transmit" in the same line, the words "by mail in a registered package."

(c) By inserting in the seventh line after the word "and" the words "also one copy of the."

(d) By inserting in the ninth line after the word "other" the word "abstract."

(e) By inserting in the tenth line after the words "with the" the word "other."

The auditors are by this change required to transmit one copy of abstract and detailed statement to the Bureau of Industries by mail in a registered package.

39. Section 263 of the said Act is amended by adding thereto the following as sub-section (6):

(6) The treasurer of the Province shall retain in his hands any moneys payable to any municipality, if it is certified to him by the secretary of the Bureau of Industries that the auditor or auditors of such municipality have not made the returns hereby required.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

40. Section 263 of the Consolidated Municipal Act, 1892, is amended by adding thereto the following subsection:

(6) If any member or officer of a municipal corporation, or other person, wilfully or knowingly makes or causes or procures to be made, any untrue entry in the statement required by sub-section 3 of this section, or wilfully or knowingly causes to be omitted from the said statement any entry or item which should be included therein, he shall be liable, on summary conviction thereof before two or more justices of the peace, to a penalty of not less than \$5, nor more than \$40, and costs of conviction.

DECLARATION OF OFFICE.

41. (1) Section 271 of the Consolidated Municipal Act, 1892 is amended by striking out the form of declaration of office therein contained and substituting the following therefor:

I, A. B., do solemnly promise and declare that I will truly, faithfully and impartially, to the best of my knowledge and ability, execute the office of (inserting the name of the office) or in the case of a person who has been appointed