

EXPROPRIATION AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENT.

10. The sixty-sixth, sixty-seventh, sixty-eighth, sixty-ninth, seventieth, seventy-first and seventy-fourth sections of the Act passed in the session held in the fourteenth and fifteenth years of Her Majesty's reign, chapter one hundred and twenty-eight, the fourth section of the Act passed in the sixteenth year of Her Majesty's reign, chapter one hundred and twenty-eight, and the thirty-fifth, thirty-sixth, thirty-seventh and fifty-first sections of the Act passed in twenty-third year of Her Majesty's reign, chapter seventy-two, and generally all the provisions of the said Acts, or any other Acts, inconsistent with the enactments of the present Act, shall be, and they are hereby severally repealed.

11. The Council of the said City of Montreal shall have full power and authority to order, by resolutions, the opening, extending or widening of streets, public highways, places or squares, or the construction of public buildings, and to order at the same time that such improvement shall be made out of the city funds, or that the cost thereof shall be assessed in whole or in part, upon the pieces or parcels of land belonging to parties interested in, or benefited by the said improvement, and to purchase, acquire, take and enter into any land, ground or real property whatsoever within the limits of the said city, either by private agreement or amicable arrangement between the Corporation of the said city and the proprietors or other persons interested, or by complying with all the formalities hereinafter prescribed, for opening streets, public squares, markets or other public places, or for continuing, enlarging or improving the same, or a portion of the same, or as a site for any public building to be erected by the said Council.

12. All corporations or bodies, and all husbands, tutors, guardians, curators *grévés de substitution* or trustees, who are or shall be seized or possessed of, or interested in any piece or pieces, lot or lots of ground or real property within the said city, selected and fixed upon by the said Council for any of the purposes aforesaid, may not only for themselves, but for and on behalf of all persons whom they represent, or for whom or in trust for whom they are, or shall be seized, possessed or interested, whether minors, issue unborn, lunatics, idiots, *femmes covert* or other persons, contract for, sell and convey such piece or pieces, lot or lots of ground or real property to the said Corporation; and such contracts, sales and conveyances shall be valid and effectual in law, to all intents and purposes whatsoever, any law or custom to the contrary notwithstanding; and all corporations and persons whatever, so contracting, selling or conveying as aforesaid, are hereby indemnified for and in respect of such sale or cession which he, she, or they shall respectively make by virtue of or in pursuance of this Act, without however diminishing, in any manner whatever, the

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