

Governor in Council may allow a lower rate, if sufficient.

4. Whenever it appears to the Governor in Council, upon the Report of the Receiver General, that a lower rate in the dollar, than the rate aforesaid in any Municipality will be thereafter sufficient to pay the interest and contribution to the Sinking Fund payable by such Municipality in each year, under the Acts aforesaid, such lower rate may be substituted by order in Council for the rate aforesaid, for all the purposes of this Act. 5

Seigniorial Act of 1859, cited.

5. Whereas by the Act passed during the present session to amend and extend the Seigniorial Act of 1854 and the Acts amending the same, it is provided,—that a sum of money bearing the same proportion to that which under the provisions of the said Act will be payable yearly to the Seigniors in Lower Canada, as the population of the Townships of Lower Canada shall be by the Census of one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one be found to bear to that of the Seigniories,—shall be payable yearly, out of Provincial Funds, to the credit of the Lower Canada Municipal Loan Fund, but for the benefit of the Townships only :—And whereas it is necessary to provide for the application of the said sum, to the purposes contemplated by the said Act, therefore,— 15 20

How the sum given to the L. C. Townships shall be divided.

1. The said sum shall be divided among the several Townships in Lower Canada and the Town of Sherbrooke, in proportion to their respective population as shewn by the said Census of 1861 ; 25

Capital may be paid at 75 per cent.

2. It shall be lawful for the Governor in Council to direct the Receiver General to pay the Capital of the yearly sum coming to any such Townships or to the said Town, at the rate of seventy-five per cent. of such Capital, in discharge of the whole ; 30

County Councils may appropriate such sums by By-law.

3. It shall be lawful for the County Council of any County in Lower Canada including within its limits any Township or Townships, and for the Town Council of the said Town of Sherbrooke, to pass By-laws with the approval of the Governor in Council for appropriating the said yearly sum or capital or any part of either, for any public improvement or improvements within the County or Town ;—Provided that in Counties including a Seigniority or Seigniories, the County Councillors representing Municipalities composed of Townships or parts of Townships, shall alone be entitled to vote on any By-law for such appropriation, and shall, as regards such By-law, form a Quorum of the Council, whatever be their number ; 35 40

Proviso.

As to certain Municipalities.

4. Any Municipality having the powers as well of a County Council as of a Local Council, shall be held to be a County Council within the meaning of this Act. 45