

the elections of Councillors for the Municipality of the said Town, in virtue of the said Lower Canada Municipal and Road Act of 1855; and the Justice of the Peace who shall preside at the election of the said Trustees is hereby invested with the same powers, authorities and jurisdiction, and shall be bound to fulfil the same duties, and under the same penalties as those conferred upon and prescribed with respect to persons presiding at the elections of the said Councillors for the said Municipality of the Town of Three Rivers; and the said election shall take place as soon as possible after the passing of this Act. 5

Qualifications for office of Trustees.

III. No person shall be elected a Trustee in virtue of this Act, unless he shall have attained the age of twenty-one years, shall be a British subject by birth or naturalization, and shall have resided for at least one year in the said Town of Three Rivers previous to the said election, nor unless he possess as proprietor and for his own use and benefit, real property situate in the said Town, of the value of at least five hundred pounds, nor if he have lost any house or building by the said fire. 10 15

Duties of person presiding at election.

IV. At the close of the said election it shall be the duty of the person presiding thereat, then and there to announce the names of the three Trustees elected to notify them of their election, and to transmit to the Governor for his approval all the advertisements, notifications, poll books, writ of election and proclamation, certificates and other papers and documents which shall have been kept, made and prepared at the said election, and in order to the holding thereof, and the said books, papers and documents shall be afterwards returned to the said Trustees, and by them to the Corporation of the Town of Three Rivers, so soon as one shall exist under the authority of a special Act of the Legislature. 20 25

Oath to be taken by Trustees.

V. The said Trustees before entering upon their duties in order to the execution of this Act, shall take an oath before a Justice of the Peace (which said oath any Justice of the Peace is hereby authorized to administer) to the following effect, that is to say: 30

"I, A. B. do swear that I will faithfully and impartially, and to the best of my knowledge and judgment, exercise and fulfil the powers, functions and duties conferred and prescribed by an Act intituled. (*Insert title of this Act.*) In conformity with the tenor and terms of the said Act: so help me God."

Trustees to act gratuitously.

VI. The said Trustees shall exercise and fulfil gratuitously the powers, functions and duties conferred and prescribed by this Act, and shall only be entitled to be paid the expenses they may necessarily incur in the exercise of their said powers, functions and duties. 35

Duties of the Secretary-Treasurer after the election of Trustees.

VII. As soon as possible after the election of the said Trustees it shall be the duty of the Secretary Treasurer of the said Municipality of the Town of Three Rivers, or of any Treasurer of any Municipal Corporation which shall have been established, and shall then be in existence, by virtue of any special Act of the Legislature, to prepare a statement which he shall certify upon an oath before a Justice of the Peace (which said oath any Justice of the Peace is hereby authorized to administer) setting forth the amount of the taxable property in the said Municipality according to the last assessment roll, and containing a faithful account of the debts and obligations of the said Municipality, which statement he shall transmit without delay to the Trustees, to be by them transmitted to the Governor with the documents 40 45