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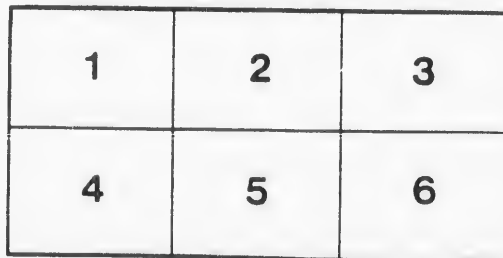
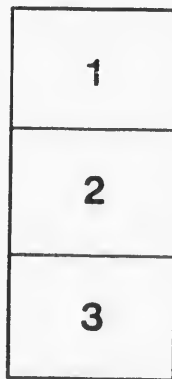
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ACTS OF INCORPORATION

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OF THE

QUEBEC BOARD OF TRADE.



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QUEBEC BOARD OF TRADE.

4 & 5 VICTORIAE, Chapter, 92.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE
QUEBEC BOARD OF TRADE.

18th September, 1841.—Presented for Her Majesty's Assent and reserved "for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon."

19th March, 1842.—The Royal Assent signified by the Proclamation of His Excellency SIR CHARLES BAGOT, Governor General.

WHEREAS the Honorable William Walker, the Honorable George Pemberton, James Dean, Henry W. Welch and others, hereinafter named, Merchants, resident and carrying on trade in the City of Quebec, have by their petition to the Legislature represented, that they have associated themselves together for some time past for the purpose of promoting such measures as they might upon due consideration deem calculated to advance and render prosperous the lawful trade and commerce of this Province, and of the said

Preamble.

City of Quebec more especially, and have further represented that having already experienced the good effects of their said association, and being convinced that the advantages arising from it would be greatly extended and increased if they and their associates and successors were incorporated, and if certain powers were conferred on them, they pray the Legislature so to incorporate them and grant them such powers: and whereas it is expedient to grant the prayer of their said petition;— Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and intituled *An Act to Re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the Government of Canada*, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that the said Honorable William Walker, Honorable George Pemberton, James Dean, Henry W. Welch, James Bell Forsyth, John Bonner, Henry J. Noad, J. W. Leaycraft, James Gibb, Peter Langlois, Jr., William Chapman, Thomas Frost, William Price, A. Joseph, Edward Ryan, John P. Anderson, Thomas Curry, John Thompson, R. F. Maitland, John Gordon, Charles A. Holt, Thomas H. Oliver, Edward Burstall, Adam Burns, David Gilmour, George Burns Symes, Honorable J. M. Fraser, William K. Baird, R. Peniston, Charles Langevin, Michael Stevenson,

Names of the present members of the Quebec Board of Trade.

Andrew Paterson, Richard Wainwright, Henry LeMesurier, H. J. Caldwell, Pierre Pelletier, Thomas Ruston, Honorable William Shephard, H. N. Jones, Henry Pemberton, William Atkinson, Alex. D. Bell, Hugh Murray, G. H. Parke, William Stevenson, J. J. Lowndes, Robert Wood, Robert Chalmers, George Wm. Osborne, Jas. Gillespie, Thomas Patou, David Burnet, and such other persons being inhabitants of and using trade and Commerce within the said City of Quebec, as shall be associated with the persons above named for the purpose of this Act, in the manner hereinafter provided, and their Successors, shall be and are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name of "The Quebec Board of Trade" and may by that name sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, answer and be answered, defend and be defended, in all Courts of Law and places whatsoever, and by that name they and their Successors shall have perpetual succession, and may have a common seal, and may break, change, alter or renew the same at pleasure, and shall have power to purchase, take, receive, hold, and enjoy any estate whatever real or personal, and to alienate, sell, convey, lease or otherwise dispose of the same or any part thereof from time to time, and as occasion may require. and other estate real or personal to acquire instead thereof: Provided always, that the clear annual value of the real and personal estate together held by the said Corporation, at any one time shall not exceed two thousand pounds, currency : and provided also, that the said

The said persons and their associates and successors shall be a body corporate by the name of "The Quebec Board of Trade."

Corporate powers.

Proviso. The clear annual value of the Estates held by the Corporation shall not exceed £2,000.

No corporate powers to be exercised except such as

are expressly given.

Corporation shall not have or exercise any corporate powers whatsoever except such as are expressly conferred on them by this Act, or are necessary for carrying the same into effect according to its true intent and meaning.

Purposes to which the funds of the Corporation may be applied.

II. And be it enacted, that the funds and property of the said Corporation shall be used and applied to and for such purposes only as may be calculated to promote and extend the just and lawful Trade and Commerce of this Province, and of the said City of Quebec more especially, or as may be necessary for attaining the objects for which the said Corporation is constituted, according to the true intent and meaning of this Act.

What shall be held to be the legal domicile of the Corporation.

III. And be it enacted, that the usual place of meeting of the said Corporation shall be held to be the legal domicile thereof, and service at such place of any notice or process of any kind addressed to the said Corporation shall be held to be sufficient service of such notice or process on the Corporation.

The affairs and business of the Corporation shall be managed by a Council.

IV. And be it enacted, that for the management of the affairs and business of the said Corporation, there shall be a Council to be called the "Council of the Board of Trade," which shall from and after the first Election hereinafter mentioned, consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Treasurer and ten other Members of the Council, all of whom shall be Members of the said Corporation, and shall have the powers and perform the duties hereinafter mentioned and assigned to the said Council.

Name of the Council.

Its composition.

V. And be it enacted, that the said Honorable William Walker shall be the President, the said Honorable George Pemberton shall be Vice-President, the said Henry J. Noad the Treasurer, and the said James Dean, Henry W. Welch, James Bell Forzyth, John Bonner, J. W. Leaycraft, James Gibb, Peter Langlois, Junr., William Chapman, Thomas Froste, and William Price, the other Members of the Council, until the first Election to be had under the provisions of this Act; and the Council, hereby appointed shall until the said Election, have all the powers assigned to the Council of the said Corporation by this Act.

The first members of the said Council named and appointed.

Time during which they shall continue in office.

VI. And be it enacted, that the Members of the said Corporation shall meet annually at some place within the City of Quebec (of which due notice shall be given by the Council for the time being, or which shall be fixed by the by-laws of the Corporation) on the first Monday in the month of April, and they or a majority of them shall then and there choose by separate ballot, or in such other way as shall be fixed by the by-laws of the Corporation, elect from among the Members of the Corporation, one President, one Vice-President, one Treasurer and ten other Members of the Council who, with the said President, Vice-President and Treasurer shall form the Council of said Corporation, and shall hold their offices until others be elected at the next annual meeting in their stead or until they shall be removed from office, or shall vacate the same under the provisions of any by-laws of the Corpora-

Annual Meeting of the Corporation.

Time and place of such Meeting.

President, Vice-President and the other Members of the Council to be elected at such Meeting.

Proviso. The Corporation shall not be dissolved if

such Election do not take place on the day appointed but it may be had on a future day.

How vacancies in the Council occasioned by the death, absence etc., of any Member shall be filled.

Quorum at annual or general Meetings of the Corporation.

Place of holding such Meeting.

What persons shall be eligible to be Members of

tion: Provided always, that if the said Election shall not take place on the first Monday of April in any year, the Corporation shall not thereby be dissolved, but such Election may be had at any General Meeting of the Corporation to be called in the manner hereinafter provided, and the Members of the Council then in office shall remain so until the Election shall be had.

VII. And be it enacted, that if any Member of the said Council shall die, resign his office, or be absent for six months continuously from the said City of Quebec, it shall be lawful for the said Corporation if they shall see fit, at any General Meeting, to elect a Member of the Corporation to be a Member of the Council in the place of the Member so dying or resigning or being absent, and the Member so elected shall hold office until the next annual Election and no longer.

VIII. And be it enacted, that at any annual or other General Meeting of the Corporation, whether for the purpose of electing members of the Council or for any other purpose, any twelve or more Members of the Corporation shall form a *Quorum*, and shall be competent to do and perform all Acts which either by this Act or by any by-law of the Corporation are or shall be directed to be done at any such General Meeting: and all General Meetings of the Corporation shall be held at the place then appointed by the by-laws thereof for the Annual Meeting aforesaid.

IX. And be it enacted, that each and every person then resident in the City of Quebec and carrying on Banking, Trade

or Commerce of any kind therein, and having so resided continuously for not less than two years, shall be eligible to become a Member of the said Corporation; and at any General Meeting of the Corporation it shall be lawful for any Member thereof to propose any such person as aforesaid, as a Candidate for becoming a Member of the Corporation, and if such proposition shall be seconded by any other Member of the Corporation then present, such Candidate shall be again proposed and balloted for at the next General Meeting, not being less than one week after he shall be so proposed, and in the meantime the name of the person proposed and of the proposer and seconder shall be posted in a conspicuous part of the usual place of Meeting of the Corporation; and if at the Meeting at which such Candidate shall be balloted for, not less than three-fifths of the Members present shall vote for his admission, he shall thenceforth be a Member of the Corporation, and shall have all the rights and be subject to all the obligations which the other Members possess or are subject to, and shall be bound by all the by-laws of the Corporation.

X. And be it enacted, that it shall always be lawful for the Council of the said Corporation or a majority of them, by a notice inserted at least one week in one newspaper published in the said City of Quebec, and posted during the same time in a conspicuous part of the place where the meetings of the Corporation are then held, to call a general Meeting of the Corporation for any of the purposes of this Act.

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Mode of pro-
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Mode of
Electing
Members.

Three-fifths
of the Mem-
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Members of the Council to take an oath of Office.

Nature of the oath.

By whom the oath shall be administered.

And how recorded.

Council to have such further powers as shall be conferred on them by any by-laws.

Exceptions as to such powers.

Quorum of the Council.

XI. And be it enacted, that each of the Members of the Council of the said Corporation, whether hereby appointed or hereafter to be elected, shall before entering upon the discharge of their duties as such, take and subscribe an oath that they will respectively, faithfully and truly perform their duty, as such Members, and will in all matters connected with the discharge of such duty, do all such things, and such things only as they shall truly and conscientiously believe to be adapted to promote the objects for which the said Corporation is constituted, according to the true intent and meaning of this Act; and such oath shall be administered to the President, and Vice-President hereby appointed, by the Mayor of the said City of Quebec, and shall remain among the records of the Corporation of the said City, and by the said President and Vice-President or either of them, to the other Members of the Council hereby appointed, or who shall be hereafter elected, and shall remain among the papers of the Corporation hereby constituted.

XII. And be it enacted, that the said Council shall, in addition to the power hereby expressly conferred upon them, have such powers as shall be assigned to them by any by-law of the Corporation, except only the power of enacting or altering any by-law, or of admitting any member, which shall be done in the manner provided by this Act and no other; and any five or more Members of the Council lawfully met, and of whom the President or Vice President shall be one, shall be a quorum, and any majority of such quorum may do

all things within the powers of the Council; and at all meetings of the said Council and all general meetings of the Corporation, the President, or in his absence the Vice-President, or if both be absent, any Member of the Council then present who may be chosen for the occasion, shall preside, and shall in all cases of equality of votes upon any division have a double or casting vote.

Who shall preside at Meetings of the Council and General Meetings of the Corporation.

XIII. And be it enacted, that it shall be lawful for the said Corporation or a majority of them present at any general meeting, to make and enact such by-laws, rules and regulations for the government of the said Corporation, its Council, officers and affairs, and for the guidance of the Board of Arbitration hereinafter mentioned, as such majority shall deem meet: Provided that no such by-law be contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, or the laws of this Province; and such by-laws shall be binding on all Members of the Corporation, its officers and servants, and all other persons whomsoever lawfully under its control.

By-laws of the Corporation how to be made.

For what purposes.

And on whom to be binding.

XIV. And be it enacted, that it shall be the duty of the Council hereby appointed, so soon as may be after the passing of this Act, to frame such by-laws, rules and regulations as they shall consider best adapted to promote the welfare of the said Corporation and the purposes of this Act, and to submit the same for adoption to a general meeting of the Corporation called for that purpose in the manner hereinbefore provided.

The Council shall frame Rules and Regulations and submit them to a General Meeting of the Corporation for consideration.

XV. And be it enacted, that all sub-

Subscriptions

and other monies due to the Corporation : how to be paid or recovered.

scriptions of Members due to the Corporation under any by-law by any person bound thereby, and all other sums of money due to the Corporation, shall be paid to the Treasurer thereof, and in default of payment may be recovered in any action brought by him in the name of the Corporation in any Court of competent Civil Jurisdiction.

Meetings of the Council to be open to all Members of the Corporation.

XVI. And be it enacted, that the meetings of the Members of the Council shall be open to all other Members of the Corporation who may attend at the same, but who shall take no part in any proceedings thereat ; and minutes of the proceedings at all such meetings and at all general meetings of the Corporation, shall be entered in Registers to be kept for that purpose, by a person or persons appointed to keep the same ; and the entry shall be signed by the person or officer who shall have made the same, and by the officer or person who shall have presided at the meeting ; and such Registers shall be open at all reasonable hours to any Member of the Corporation free of any charge, and also to all other persons on payment of a fee of one shilling, currency, to the officer or person having charge of the Register.

Minutes of the proceedings at meetings either of the Council or of the Corporation shall be kept.

A Board of Arbitration to be elected at the same time as the members of the Council.

XVII. And be it enacted, that at the same time and times as are hereby appointed for the Election of the Council, and in the same manner, it shall be lawful for the Members of the said Corporation to elect from their number twelve persons who shall form a Board, which shall be called the "Board of Arbitration," and any three of whom shall have power to ar-

arbitrate upon and to give their award in any commercial case or difference which shall be voluntarily referred to them by the parties concerned; and wherever any such parties shall agree and bind themselves by bond or otherwise to submit the matter in dispute between them to the decision of the said Board of Arbitration, such submission shall be understood to be made to any three Members of the said Board, who may either by the especial order of the said Board or by virtue of any general rule adopted by them or under any by-law of the Corporation with regard to the consideration of cases so submitted to them, be appointed to hear and arbitrate upon the case, and shall be understood to bind the parties to submit to the decision of the said Board; and any such submission may be in the form of the Schedule to this Act, or in other words to the same effect.

XVIII. And be it enacted, that the several Members of the said Board of Arbitration shall, before they act as such, take and subscribe before the President or Vice-President of the Corporation, an oath that they will faithfully, impartially, and diligently perform their duties as Members of the said Board of Arbitration, and will in all cases submitted to them give a true and just award according to the best of their judgment and ability, without fear, favour, or affection of or for any party or person whomsoever; and this oath shall be kept among the documents of the Corporation in the manner provided with regard to the oath taken by the Members of the Council.

By whom such Board of Arbitration shall act, and in what cases.

Terms of submission to award of the Board, how to be interpreted.

Form of such submission.

Members of the Board of Arbitration shall take an oath of office.

Nature of the Oath.

How such Oath shall be recorded.

Members of the Council may be members of the Board of Arbitration.

XIX. And be it enacted, that any Member of the Council of the Corporation may be at the same time a Member of the said Board of Arbitration.

Powers of the Members of the Board when acting as Arbitrators.

XX. And be it enacted, that the three Members appointed to hear any case submitted for arbitration as aforesaid, or any two of them, shall have full power to examine into the facts of such case, and to examine an Oath (which Oath any one of such three Members is hereby empowered to administer) any party or witnesses who appearing voluntary before them shall be willing to be so examined, and shall give their award thereupon in writing: and their decision, or that of any two of them given by such award, shall bind the parties according to the terms of the submission, and to the provisions of this Act.

Their decision shall bind the parties.

After a certain day the Board of Examiners of applicants for the office of Inspectors of articles liable to inspection in the District of Quebec shall be appointed by the Council of the Board of Trade.

XXI. And be it enacted, that from and after the first Monday of April next, the several persons composing the Boards of Examiners to examine applicants for the offices of Inspector or Assistant Inspector, for or within the District of Quebec, of Flour and Meal, or of Beef and Pork, or of Pot and Pearl Ashes, or of any other article subject to inspection, shall cease to be Members of the said Boards; and thereafter the Members of the said Boards respectively shall be such persons only as shall from time to time be appointed to be such Members by the Council of the said Corporation, any law to the contrary notwithstanding; but the number, powers and duties of such Boards and of the Members thereof, respectively, shall be in all respects the same as they now are, and they

shall be sworn to the due performance of their duty in like manner: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall prevent any person who shall under the provisions of this section cease to be a Member of any such Board, from being reappointed a Member thereof by the said Council if they shall deem it expedient, nor shall any thing herein contained prevent any Member of the said Corporation, not being a Member of the Council, from being appointed a Member of any of the said Boards; but no Member of the Council shall be so appointed.

Proviso.

Former members of such Boards of Examiners may be re-appointed by the said Council.

XXII. And be it enacted, that any person who may by law in other cases, make a solemn affirmation instead of taking an Oath, may make such solemn affirmation in any case where by this Act an Oath is required; and any person hereby authorized to administer an Oath may in such case as aforesaid, administer such solemn affirmation; and any person who shall wilfully swear or affirm falsely in any case where an Oath or solemn affirmation is by this Act required or authorized, shall be guilty of wilful and corrupt perjury.

Certain classes of persons may make an affirmation instead of taking an oath where an oath is required by this Act.

XXIII. And be it enacted, that this Act shall be and continue in full force and effect for ten years from the passing thereof, and from thence to the end of the then next Session of the Provincial Parliament, and no longer.

Act to endure for 10 years.

XXIV. And be it enacted, that nothing in this Act shall affect any rights of Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, or of any party or person whomsoever, such

Rights of the Crown and other parties saved, except when expressly mentioned.

rights only excepted as are herein expressly mentioned and affected.

Public Act. XXV. And be it enacted, that this Act shall be a Public Act, and shall be judicially noticed as such by all Judges, Justices and other persons whomsoever without being specially pleaded.

SCHEDULE.

Form of a submission to the award of the Board of Arbitration.

Know all men that the undersigned
and the undersigned
(*if there be more parties, that
is more separate interests, mention them*) having a difference as to the respective rights of the said parties in the case hereunto subjoined, have agreed and bound themselves under a penalty of currency, to perform the award to be made by the Board of Trade in the case aforesaid, under the penalty aforesaid to be paid by the party refusing to perform such award, to the party ready and willing to perform the same.

In witness whereof the said parties have hereunto interchangeably set their hands, at the City of Quebec, on the _____ day of _____

A. B.
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E. F.

Form of the oath to be taken by the Members of the Council.

I swear that I will faithfully and truly perform my duty as a Member of the Council of the Quebec Board of Trade, and that I will, in all matters connected with the discharge of such duty, do all such things and such things only as I shall truly and conscientiously believe to be adapted to promote the objects for which the said Board was constituted, according to the true intent and meaning of the Act incorporating the same.—So help me God.

Form of oath to be taken by the Members of the Board of Arbitration.

I swear that I will faithfully, impartially and diligently perform my duty as a Member of the Board of Arbitration of the Quebec Board of Trade: and that I will, in all cases in which I shall Act as Arbitrator, give a true and just award according to the best of my judgment and ability, without fear, favor or affection of or for any party or person whomsoever.—So help me God.

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CAP. LXVII.

An Act to render permanent two certain Acts therein mentioned incorporating the Boards of Trade of Montreal and Quebec.

[29th March, 1845.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is expedient to render permanent the respective Boards of Trade established in the Cities of Montreal and Quebec, and now incorporated by Law: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and intituled: *An Act to Re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the Government of Canada*, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the twenty-sixth clause of an Act of the Parliament of this Province, passed in the fourth and fifth years of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act to incorporate the Montreal Board of Trade*, and the twenty-third clause of a certain Act of the said Parliament, passed in the same year, intituled, *An Act to incorporate the Quebec Board of Trade*, be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Clauses rendering said Acts temporarily repealed.

BY-LAWS OF THE QUEBEC BOARD OF
TRADE.

CHAPTER 1ST.—OF MEMBERS.

SECTION 1st.—The Members of this Corporation shall pay an annual contribution of one pound five shillings, to be paid in advance, the first Monday in April in each year.

2nd.—That any Member who shall have failed to pay his subscription, and be in arrear more than twelve months, shall not be entitled to vote on any question that may be before the Corporation.

3rd.—Any Member who shall refuse or neglect to comply with the By-laws and Regulations, may be expelled by the vote of three-fourths of the members present at an extraordinary meeting to be held for that purpose.

4th.—Every Member who shall be absent from the province more than a year, shall pay only the sum of one pound per annum for every year he may have been so absent, to be paid within three months of his return; his neglect to pay the same shall be considered as his withdrawal from Membership on the day of his departure from the province.

5th.—Every Member who may wish to withdraw from the Corporation, shall give notice thereof in writing, but his wish shall not be acceded to until he shall have paid up his subscription to the expiration of the year in which the application to withdraw shall have been made.

CHAPTER 2ND.—OF OFFICERS.

SECTION 1st.—It shall be the duty of the presiding officer when in the chair at any meeting to regulate the order thereof, to inform the Board of the proceedings since last meeting, to cause the reports of the Council and other communications to be read and if needful acknowledged to receive and put motions, and to announce to the meeting what he may think concerns the Mercantile interest, he shall keep order, but an appeal may be had from the decision of the chair to the Members present.

2nd.—The Treasurer shall have the charge of all the monies belonging to the Corporation, and shall see that the officers appointed by the Council of the Board to make collections, does his duty as such collector, and all such monies received by such collector or otherwise for account of the Corporation, shall be paid over to the Treasurer who shall receive the same, and out of such receipts he shall pay all accounts approved of by the Council, and keep a regular account of the income and expenditure of the Corporation, which shall be laid on the Table at the Annual Meeting of the Corporation held on the first Monday in April, or at any other time that he may be required by the Corporation so to do.

CHAPTER 3RD.—OF THE COUNCIL.

SECTION 1st.—The Council of this Corporation as constituted by the Act of Incorporation, shall have the sole management of all and every the real and immoveable property which may now or hereafter be acquired by the Corporation, and shall have power to authorize the President, and in his absence the Vice President, to grant a lease of all or any of the houses, buildings or premises of or belonging to the

Corporation, for such terms of years and for such rent or sum of money, as to the said Council shall appear just and reasonable, and most for the interest of the Corporation, and shall also from time to time when requisite, bargain and contract for, and have power to authorize the President, or Vice President to accept a deed of sale, or lease of such houses, buildings and premises as may be necessary or requisite for the prosecution of the objects of the Corporation, on such terms and conditions, and in case of a deed of lease for such period, as the said Council in their discretion shall see fit.

2nd.—The Council shall conduct all the business of the Corporation reporting its proceedings at each ordinary meeting for approval.

3rd.—The Council can appoint a Secretary or officers and regulate his or their Salary or Salaries.

4th.—The Council can draw up petitions and either forward them at once or if they may think fit refer the same to the Corporation at either a General or Special Meeting; they shall if required by the Corporation draw up and forward such petitions as the Corporation may agree upon, at any regular meeting, all petitions to be signed by the President, or Vice President, counter-signed by the Secretary, if there be one, with the Seal of the Corporation attached.

5th.—The Council shall have full power to appoint Committees who shall report proceedings to the Council.

CHAPTER 4TH.—OF COUNCIL MEETINGS.

SECTION 1st.—The Council shall meet every Wednesday at quarter to Eleven o'clock in the forenoon,

and if there shall not be a quorum before Eleven o'clock, such members as shall be present shall adjourn.

2nd.—The Council shall conduct its meetings as follows, viz. :—

1st.—The chair shall be taken at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon, at the weekly meetings.

2nd.—The minutes of the last meeting shall be read and confirmed.

3rd.—All reports of Committees or other communications shall be read, and orders taken thereon, unless sufficiently important to be the subject of a motion to which may then be made.

4th.—All drafts of letters, petitions, or by-laws prepared shall be read.

5th.—A motion for adjournment shall be always in order.

CHAPTER 5TH.—OF THE BOARD OF ARBITRATION.

SECTION 1st.—Upon communication being received by the Council through the Secretary or otherwise of matters requiring to be adjusted by the Board of Arbitration, the Council shall summon a meeting of such Board of Arbitration.

2nd.—Such Board of Arbitration shall choose from among their members, whether present or not, three persons to act as Arbitrators, taking care to select if possible such as may be best acquainted with the matter to be decided on; in case of difficulty arising from the Board not agreeing as to the persons so to be appointed, a Ballot for three members shall be taken, who unless prevented by absence from Quebec, or sickness, shall serve on such Board under a penalty of Two pounds currency, unless he shall give in an excuse to the satisfaction of the Council.

3rd.—Such Arbitrators so appointed shall meet together to arbitrate on the matter in dispute, and shall report to the Council their decision within fifteen days, unless the Council shall see fit to grant delay.

4th.—The Secretary of the Council to attend all meetings of the Board of Arbitration, and of the Arbitrators, whether he shall have been appointed one of them or not, to take minutes of the proceedings.

5th.—In all cases submitted for Arbitration such fees shall be exacted as the Arbitrators shall see fit, one half of which to go to the Arbitrators and Secretary, who sit on any such cases, and the other to the funds of the Council, who shall also decide which party shall pay the same.

6th.—The Council upon receiving the award of the Arbitrators, shall notify the parties who may have a matter under consideration the amount of the fees, and that upon receipt of the same the award will be communicated to them.

7th.—The Treasurer shall open an account with one of the Banks in this City, and a Balance of the Books made once a month, and the Cash Book to be exhibited at the monthly meetings of the Council.

*Amendment at Special General Meeting, 6th
December, 1873.*

That the By-Laws be so changed as to allow the Council to change the meetings of said Council to any hour they may deem most convenient.

