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3rd Session, 6th Parliament, 23 Victoria, 1860.

(LOCAL BILL.)

BILL.

An Act to Extend the Limits of the City of Quebec.

Received and Read, first time, Tuesday, 13th March, 1860.

Second Reading, Wednesday, 14th March, 1860.

M. LANGEVIN.

An Act to extend the limits of the City of Quebec.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the Mayor, Councillors and Citizens of Quebec have by their petition represented that the present limits of the City of Quebec are of too small extent; that a large part of the population of the city are now living without the said limits, and are established in the immediate environs of the city; that the proximity of the said establishments entails on the police and the fire departments the necessity of going beyond the said limits either for the maintenance of the peace or the extinguishing of fires; that the portions of the population so residing without the city moreover enjoy the advantages proper to the said city without contributing in any way to the revenue thereof; and whereas for the reasons aforesaid the boundaries ought to be extended: Therefore, Her Majesty, &c., decrees as follows:—

Line of new

I. After the passing of this Act, the City of Quebec shall comprehend, besides the land now included therein, all the land which lies between the present limits of that city and the following limits, that is to say: beginning at the deep water line of the Quebec Harbor Commissioners, at the point where the continuation of a line drawn along the middle of the road, known by the name of the Belvedere Road, lying between the Grande Allée and the St. Foye road, would strike the same, thence in a right line to the south-east angle of the St. Charles' Catholic burying ground, thence following the line of the said burying ground to Scott's bridge and across the said bridge, thence along the north side of the river St. Charles to the point where it intersects the continuation of the Commissioners' line as the same is drawn along the river St. Lawrence from the western limits of the city, and along the said line to the point of departure.

Distribution of New Terriritory among the wards of the City.

II. The territory so annexed to the said city shall, after the passing of this Act, be distributed as follows among the several wards of the 30 city, that is to say: that part lying to the west of the Champlain Ward and situated between the summit (cime) of the Cape and the Harbour Commissioners' line shall form part of the said ward; that part situated between the said summit (cime) of the Cape and the St. Foye Road, and its continuation shall form part of Montcalin Ward; that part situated 35 between the said St. Foye Road or its continuation, and the summit (haut) of Côteau Ste. Geneviève or its continuation shall form part of Saint John's Ward; that part situated between the continuation of Saint Joseph Street in the Saint Roch's Suburbs and the Little River Road on one side, and the summit (haut) of Coteau Ste. Geneviève and 40 its continuation on the other side, shall form part of the Jacques Cartier Ward; and lastly, that part situated between the continuation of Saint Joseph Street in the Saint Roch's Suburbs and the Little River Road on one side, and the new limits north of the city on the other side, shall form part of Saint Roch's Ward, the northern limits of which shall 45 be extended to the new limits north of the said city.

Powers of Turnpike Trustees to continue.

III. The Trustees of the Quebec Turnpike Road shall continue as heretofore to have the powers and obligations conferred or imposed upon them by law, with respect to those parts of the roads included in the new limits of the City of Quebec, upon which they now have toll-gates; and if at any time the Corporation of the City of Quebec think proper to cause the said toll-gates to be placed at the new limits of the said city, then and in such case the said Corporation shall have the power so to do, but shall before so doing make such arrangements with the said Trustees as may be agreed upon between the said Corporation and the said Trustees by way of compensation to the said Trustees, and 10 any such arrangement shall be considered equivalent to the purchase of a real or immoveable property, and shall bind the City Council of the said city to proceed in relation thereto in the manner prescribed for the said Council in the purchase of real property.

But road within new purchased by Corporation : of the City.

IV. If the said Corporation of the City of Quebec desire to purchase limits may be or make free of toll the Dorchester Bridge or Scott's Bridge, or one 15 of them, or otherwise to have the entire control thereof, they shall have the power so to do, but they shall first make such arrangements in respect thereof with the Turnpike Road Trustees, or the proprietors of the Scott's Bridge, as the case may be, as they may mutually consider reasonable, and such arrangements shall be considered equivalent to the 20 purchase of a real or immoveable property, and shall bind the said City Council to proceed in relation thereto in the manner prescribed for such Council in the purchase of real estate.

Manner of proceeding relative to compensation.

V. And if the said Corporation of the City of Quebec and the said Turnpike Road Trustees, or the said Corporation and the said proprietors of the Scott Bridge, do not agree as to the compensation to be paid to the said Trustees or to the said proprietors, or as to the arrangements to be made between them concerning any of the matters mentioned in the two preceding sections, the matter shall be arranged in the manner prescribed by the Acts incorporating the said City for the purchase of 30 real property, when the said Corporation and the proprietors do not agree.

Roads included in the City, and Corporation may trace the limits.

VI. The roads and public highways forming the new limits of the said City of Quebec shall be included, after the passing of this Act, within the limits of the said city, and the Corporation of the said city may cause the line forming the limits of the said city to be traced, even where the said limits are not indicated by any by-road, front road or public highway, and may erect such boundary marks as they may think proper.

Non-liability of new ground for old debts of the City.

VII. The portion hereby annexed to the said City of Quebec shall 40 not be liable for the debt contracted by the present City for water works or drainage within the said city, but the same shall continue to be the debt of the present City of Quebec.

Beach lots not taxable.

VIII. Beach lots within the ground hereby annexed, which shall be used for the deposit of lumber or rafts, shall not in any way whatsoever 45 be taxed by the Municipal authorities of the said city.

Acts relating to City of Quebec to apply to new territory.

ublic Act.

IX. This Act shall be considered as forming part of the Acts relating to the present City of Quebec, and every thing in the said Acts which applies to the present City of Quebec shall, with the restrictions above mentioned, be deemed to apply to the city as limited by this Act, 50 which shall be deemed to be a public Act.