

holding lands and tenements for the use of said inhabitants, and of making and entering into such contracts and agreements as may be necessary for the exercise of their corporate functions, and to do and execute every other matter or thing incidental to such Corporation, subject to the provisions hereinafter mentioned.

2. That the said Town of Saint Stephen shall be and hereby is divided into three Wards, viz:—

**QUEEN'S WARD.**—Commencing in the centre of the channel of the Saint Croix River, immediately opposite the centre of the Street extending northerly from said River past the Presbyterian Church; thence following the centre of said Street for one mile; thence westerly to the centre of the road leading from Hitching's corner to the Scotch Ridge; thence southeasterly, keeping the centre of said road, and a prolongation of said line to the centre of the River Saint Croix; thence down stream, keeping the centre of the channel of said River, to the place of beginning.

**KING'S WARD.**—Commencing in the centre of the channel of said River Saint Croix at the southeastern corner boundary of Queen's Ward, near the Toll Bridge; thence following the centre of the channel of said River until it comes opposite the public landing, and strikes a line drawn from the centre of King Street; thence northerly keeping the centre of said King Street for one mile from said River; thence westerly keeping said distance of one mile from said River until it comes to the centre of the Street as aforesaid leading past the Presbyterian Church, or to a prolongation of said centre line; thence southerly on said line, being the eastern side line of Queen's Ward, to the place of beginning at the centre of the Saint Croix.

**DUKE'S WARD.**—Commencing at the centre of the channel of the said River Saint Croix, opposite the centre of King Street; thence following the centre of the channel of said River down stream until it comes to the mouth of Denny's stream; thence following the centre of Denny's stream for one mile from the River; thence westerly, preserving the said distance of one mile, until it comes to the centre of King Street, or the street leading towards the old ridge; thence southerly, keeping the centre of said road or street, to the place of beginning.

3. The administration of the fiscal, prudential, and municipal affairs, and the whole legislative power and government of the said Town, shall be vested in one principal officer, who shall be the Mayor of the Town of Saint Stephen, and in six other persons, and in no other power or authority whatever, two of whom shall be annually elected for each Ward, and who shall be styled Councillors for the Town of Saint Stephen, all of whom shall be severally elected as is hereinafter directed; and such Mayor and Councillors for the time being shall be the Town Council of the Town of Saint Stephen.

4. There shall be annually elected at the same time hereinafter appointed for the election of Mayor and Councillors, one Assessor for each Ward, and no person shall be eligible for that office unless he be resident in the Ward for which he may be elected, and qualified to the extent required in the case of a Councillor.

5. No person shall at any time be qualified to be elected as Mayor, Councillor or Assessor for the said Town, unless at the time of his election he be resident within the same, of the full age of twenty one years, and shall have been assessed in the assessment next preceding the election for real or personal estate, or both, within the said Town, to the value of one hundred pounds or upwards, and shall have paid before the time of such election all rates and taxes legally due from him within the said Town.

6. At the first elections under this Act for Mayor, Councillors, and Assessors, no person shall be qualified to vote unless he be a rate payer of the full age of twenty one years, and whose name appears on the assessment list of the district incorporated by this Act: At every subsequent election, all persons who are rate payers of the full age of twenty one

years, who shall have resided within the Town for the period of one year, and non-residents who shall have been assessed for real estate within said Town of the value of one hundred dollars or upwards, shall be qualified to vote, subject however always to the challenge set forth in the twenty second Section of this Act, as to identity with the person named in the said assessment list of voters, and as to having voted in any other Ward in such election.

7. It shall be the duty of the Assessors in each and every year to file a copy of the assessment list for each Ward with the Clerk within one week after the same shall be made up; and the Clerk shall make up therefrom the registry of voters for each Ward within ten days after the said assessment lists shall be filed with him; said registry shall remain in the Clerk's office open, without payment of any fee, to the inspection of any and all rate payers in said Town; any rate payer desiring to have the name or names of any person or persons added to or struck from said registry of voters, may make application in writing to the Town Council, stating what name or names he wishes added or struck off; and the Town Council may at any meeting take evidence under oath with respect to the matter, and add or strike out such name or names, according to the right of the matter; but the name of no person shall be struck off until it shall have been made to appear to the satisfaction of the Council that he has had sufficient notice to appear before it, for the purpose of asserting his right (if any) to have his name retained upon the list; no addition to or alteration of the list of voters shall be made after the first day of March in each year, until after the annual election of Mayor, Councillors and Assessors shall have taken place; the lists so revised by the Council shall be, on or before the first day of March in each year, deposited in the Clerk's office, and shall be the registry of voters for each Ward in lieu of the list mentioned in Section seven of said Act.

8. No person shall be qualified to be elected to serve in the office of Mayor or Councillor, or serve therein, so long as he shall hold any office or place or profit in the gift or disposal of the Council, nor during such time as he shall by himself, his partner, or in any other way or manner, directly or indirectly, have any share or interest in any contract or employment with or on behalf of the said Council; nor shall any person accountable for the Town revenues, or any part thereof, nor any officer or person presiding at any election of a Mayor, Councillor, or Assessor, while so presiding, nor any Clerk or assistant employed by him at any such elections, while so employed, be elected to the office of Mayor, Councillor or Assessor in said Town; provided nevertheless, that no person shall be disqualified to serve as Mayor, Councillor or Assessor as aforesaid, by reason of his being a proprietor or shareholder in any Company which shall or may contract with the Town Council for lighting, or supplying with water, or insuring against fire, any part of the said Town; provided always, that such disqualification shall not arise from holding any lease of land from the Corporation; and that no Councillor shall receive into his hand any moneys for and on account of any contract work, or employment, made, done or performed by or on behalf of or by direction of said Corporation, but that all moneys due by said Corporation on any such account shall be paid by the Treasurer of the Town to the person or persons who shall have actually done such work, and shall be entitled to such moneys by, under or for such contract work or employment, or to his or their order.

9. When any person duly elected to the office of Mayor, Councillor, or Assessor, shall neglect or refuse to accept the same within the time limited, or to take the oath of office as aforesaid, the said office shall be deemed vacant, and shall be filled up by a new election, to be made in the manner hereinafter provided for holding elections.

10. If any person holding the office of Mayor, Councillor, or Assessor, remove his place of residence without the limits of the Town, or shall be absent from the meetings of the Council for more than two months at any one time, except in case of illness, or by leave of the Council first obtained,