

House, in the City of Montreal, the Twenty-first day of January, in the Fourth year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lady Victoria, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, and so forth, and in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-one.

By His Excellency's Command,

W. B. LINDSAY,

Clerk Special Council.

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An Ordinance to authorize the Council of the City of Montreal to discharge a certain debt, contracted by the Magistrates of the said City, for lighting the same with gas.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the Justices of the Peace residing in the city of Montreal did, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine, contract and agree with the "Montreal Gas Light Company," to light certain parts of the said city with gas during the term of one year now expired, for the sum of nine hundred and fifty pounds currency, which said contract was duly performed on the part of the said company, to whom the said sum is now due and unpaid; and whereas the Council of the said city have expressed their willingness to assume and pay the said debt, as having been contracted for the benefit of the said city, but, because the same was contracted without strictly legal authority by the said Justices of the Peace, the said Council cannot, unless Legislative provision be made to that effect, lawfully pay the said debt out of the revenues of said city, and have prayed that such provision be made; and whereas it is expedient to grant their prayer:—Be it therefore Ordained and Enacted by His Excellency the Governor of the said Province of Lower-Canada, by and with the advice and consent of the Special Council for the affairs of the said Province, constituted and assembled by virtue and under the authority of an Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, passed in the first year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled, "*An Act*
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"to make temporary provision for the Government of Lower-Canada," and also by virtue and under the authority of a certain other Act of the same Parliament, passed in the Session held in the second and third years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled, "*An Act to amend an Act of the last Session of Parliament, for making temporary provision for the Government of Lower-Canada;*" and also by virtue and under the authority of a certain other Act of the same Parliament, passed in the Session held in the third and fourth years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled, "*An Act to Re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower-Canada, and for the Government of Canada;*" and it is hereby Ordained and Enacted by the authority of the said Acts of Parliament, that it shall be lawful for the Council of the city of Montreal, to pay the said "Montreal Gas Light Company," in discharge of the debt hereinbefore mentioned, the said sum of nine hundred and fifty pounds currency, from and out of the public monies raised or to be raised by assessments or otherwise, for public uses within and for the city and town of Montreal and placed by law under the controul and management of the said Council.

A debt due to the Montreal Gas Light Company to be paid by the Montreal City Council.

How the money is to be accounted for.

II. And be it further ordained and enacted, that all monies paid under the authority of this Ordinance, shall be accounted for in the manner by law provided with regard to other public monies paid and expended by or under the direction of the said Council.

SYDENHAM.

Ordained and Enacted by the authority aforesaid, and passed in Special Council, under the Great Seal of the Province, at the Government House, in the City of Montreal, the Twenty first day of January, in the Fourth year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lady Victoria, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, and so forth, and in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty one.

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