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No. of 1920.

AN ACT TO AMEND THE MEDICINE HAT CHARTER.

(Assented to 1920.)

HIS MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the
Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, enacts
as follows:

1. The Medicine Hat Charter, being chapter 63 of the
Statutes of Alberta, 1906, and amendments thereto, is hereby
further amended as follows:

(1) Title V, by adding the following as section 25:

"25. For the purpose of enabling every railway employee,
, commercial traveller or other person (who is a qualified
elector or burgess of the City, whose employment or calling
is such as to necessitate his absence from time to time from
his place of residence on the day fixed for election or for
the voting upon any by-law or other question affecting such
elector or burgess) to exercise his vote at any election or
voting, the returning officer shall establish a special
polling booth which shall be centrally located so as to suit
the convenience of such persons.

"(1) Except as herein provided the poll so held shall be
conducted in the same manner as provided for the conduct of
other polls at such election or voting.

"(2) The poll at such polling booth shall be open between
the hours of 2 and 8 in the afternoon on the three days,
exclusive of Sunday, immediately preceding the day fixed for
election or voting.

"(3) Every person applying to vote at such polling booth before being permitted to vote shall be required by the deputy returning officer in charge of the poll to make and subscribe before him the following declaration, which shall be kept by the said deputy returning officer with the other records of the poll:

I, A.B. of the City of Medicine Hat, Alberta, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I am the person whose name appears on the voters' list now shown to me; that I am ~~now~~ at present employed as (nature of employment) and I believe I will in the course of my said employment be absent from the City of Medicine Hat during the whole of the election or voting which comes on the day of and unless I am allowed to cast my vote before the said date I will be unable to exercise my privilege as such elector or burgess. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true and knowing it to be of the same force and effect as if made under oath by virtue of The Canada Evidence Act.

Declared before me at Medicine Hat, Alberta, this day of 19 .

Returning Officer (or deputy returning officer).

"(4) Any person signing such declaration knowing that any statement therein is false shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of not less than \$25.00 and not more than \$100.00.

"(5) The returning officer shall supply the deputy returning officer at such special booth with two copies of the voters' list. The deputy returning officer shall insert on each of such lists opposite the name of each person who has voted at such special polling booth the words "Voted at special booth" and one of such lists shall be returned to

the returning officer who shall cause such words to be inserted in their respective places on all the other voters' lists before their delivery to the deputy returning officers for use at all other booths of the City in the said election or voting."

2. Title XXII, by repealing sections 2 and 3 thereof and substituting the following therefor:

"2. In calculating the amount of the debenture debt of the city at any time outstanding there may be deducted from the gross total thereof:

(a) The amount of any funds or securities held by the city to the credit of the sinking fund of the city;

(b) The amount of any debentures issued for gas, water or electrical utilities of the city, "

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3. Title XXIII, by repealing section 15 thereof and substituting the following therefor:

"15. The polls shall be kept open from 9 o'clock in the forenoon until 8 o'clock in the evening of the same day, provided that any person within the provisions of section 25, of Title V, may exercise the right of voting as in the said section provided."

4. By repealing section 3 of Chapter 59 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1919, and substituting the following therefor:

"3. The council is hereby authorized and empowered without the assent of the burgesses to issue debentures on the credit of the City of Medicine Hat at large to the extent of not more than one hundred thousand dollars per year during each of the years 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922 and 1923, the proceeds of the said debentures to be used only for the purpose of paying off and discharging the debenture principal matured or maturing during each of the said years under

By-laws numbered 35, 47, 48, 62, 63, 74, 75, 88, 89, 90, 92, 94, 101, 102, 103, 119, 120, 121, 124, 134, 153, 172 and 173 of the said city, and under By-laws numbered 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 16, 18, 19, 22, 23, 25 and 26 of Medicine Hat School District No.76, or for liquidating in whole or in part any sinking fund payments due from revenue account of the city on any By-law heretofore passed. The said debentures may bear such interest, be repayable and be in any form authorized by the Medicine Hat Charter."

5. Whereas doubt has arisen as to the legality of certain debentures issued under and by the authority of By-laws numbered 343, 345, 482, 483, 485, 487, 488, 489, 490 and 491 of the City of Medicine Hat, which debentures remained in the custody of the treasurer of the city for a period of more than four years from the date of the final passing of the said respective By-laws without having been sold, mortgaged, pledged or hypothecated, and for the purpose of removing such doubt it is hereby declared that each and every of the said debentures so issued and which have remained in the custody of the treasurer of the city as aforesaid is good, valid and legal and binding upon the City of Medicine Hat.

(1) Wherever the word 'issue' or 'issued' or any relative term thereto is used in Titles 22 or 25, of The Medicine Hat Charter, in connection with debentures issued or to be issued under the authority of any By-law heretofore or which may hereafter be passed in accordance with the provisions of the said Titles, such word or term shall be interpreted as relating only to the execution of the debentures on behalf of the City of Medicine Hat and not to the sale, mortgaging, pledging or hypothecation thereof unless the context otherwise requires.

6. The following B y-laws of the City of Medicine Hat, assented to by the burgesses of the city on the 29th day of October 1918, and which were finally passed by the council on the 16th day of February 1920, are hereby declared legal, valid and binding upon the said C ity notwithstanding any informalities, irregularities or defects therein either in substance or in form, and the City of Medicine Hat is hereby authorized and empowered to do all necessary acts for the full and proper carrying out of the objects of the said By-laws:

No.570 - \$38,200.00 for bridge construction;

No.571 - \$ 8,300.00 for creek embankments;

No.572 - \$ 4,700.00 for municipal building;

No.573 - \$10,000.00 for electric light extensions.

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