

- Proviso. they may change at their discretion: Provided always, that all hydrants, conduits or other appliances required and furnished for the purpose of extinguishment of fires shall be placed as the Mayor and Council of the Town of St. Catherines shall direct, and shall be under their exclusive control and direction. 5
- Houses, &c., to be subject to payment of water-rate. X. The owner and occupier of any house, tenement or lot shall each be liable for the payment of the price or rent fixed by the Commissioners for the use of the water by such occupier, and such price or rent so fixed shall be a lien upon the said house, tenement or lot, in the same way and manner as other taxes assessed on real estate in the said Town of St. Catherines are liens, and shall be collected in like manner, if not previously paid to the Commissioners. 10
- Quorum of Commissioners. XI. A majority of the said Commissioners shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business allowed or required by the powers or duties of their commission, and all contracts and engagements, acts and doings of the said Commissioners within the scope of their duty or authority, shall be obligatory upon and be in law considered as done by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of St. Catherines. 15
- Title of Commissioners. May prosecute and defend actions. XII. The said Commissioners may prosecute or defend any actions or process at law or equity by the name of the "Water Commissioners of the Town of St. Catherines" against any person or persons for money due for the use of the water, for the breach of any contract, express or implied, touching the execution or management of the works or the distribution of the water, or any promise or contract made to or with them, and also for any injury or trespass, or nuisance done or suffered to the water-courses, pipes, machinery or any apparatus belonging to or connected with any part of the works, or for any improper use or waste of the water; and any vacancy, or the filling any vacancy in the Board of Commissioners, either before or after any cause of action arises or suit is commenced, shall not change the right of the said Commissioners as a body to commence or maintain such action or process at law or in equity, but in all such cases they shall be considered from the time of the organization of the Board as a Corporation. 20 25 30
- Protection in exercise of their office. XIII. The Commissioners and their officers shall have the like protection in the exercise of their respective offices and in the execution of their duties, as Justices of the Peace now have under the Laws of this Province. 35
- Money for construction may be raised by loan, and how. XIV. For the purpose of constructing the said Water Works and paying the expenses attendant thereon, it shall and may be lawful to and for the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of St. Catherines, and they are hereby required from time to time as the amounts may be required by the said Commissioners, to raise by loan upon the credit of the Debentures hereinafter mentioned, from any person or persons, body or bodies corporate, either in this Province, in Great Britain or elsewhere, who may be willing to lend the same, a sum of money not exceeding the sum of of lawful money of Canada, or a corresponding sum in sterling money of Great Britain, and for the Mayor of the said Town of St. Catherines for the time being, to cause to be issued Debentures or Bonds of the said Town of St. Catherines under the Corporation Seal, signed by the Mayor and countersigned by the Clerk of the said Town for the time being, in such sums not exceeding in the whole the said sum of autho- 40 45 50