

An Act to afford relief to the sufferers by the late fire at Three Rivers, by authorizing a loan on the credit of the Consolidated Municipal Loan Fund, to enable them to rebuild the houses and other buildings destroyed by the said fire.

WHEREAS in consequence of the disastrous fire, which consumed more than one hundred houses and other buildings, on the 15th day of November last, in the Town of Three Rivers, a large amount of property was destroyed; And whereas the majority of the persons who suffered on that occasion have lost all or nearly all their property, and cannot, without assistance, rebuild their houses and other buildings so destroyed; And whereas the said Town of Three Rivers has by its petition to the Legislature declared that it is ready to become security for any amount not exceeding the sum of fifteen thousand pounds, for those of the said persons who shall borrow money to enable them to re-erect their houses and other buildings which have been so destroyed; and whereas by the Act of the Legislature of this Province, passed in the 16th year of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to establish a Consolidated Municipal Loan Fund for Upper Canada," and also, by the Act of the Legislature of this Province, passed in the 18th year of Her Majesty's reign entitled "An Act to extend and amend the Act to establish a Consolidated Municipal Loan Fund for Upper Canada by applying the same to Lower Canada, and for other purposes," the Municipality of the said Town of Three Rivers, has a right, with other Municipalities in Lower Canada, to obtain a share of the Consolidated Municipal Loan Fund for Lower Canada, subject to the conditions prescribed by the two Acts hereinbefore cited; And whereas in consideration of the total value of the real property in the Town of Three Rivers the said Municipality could obtain out of the said Fund a sum exceeding fifteen thousand pounds; Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows:

I. The persons qualified by virtue of the Lower Canada Municipal and Road Act of 1855 to vote at the elections of Councillors for the Municipality of the said Town of Three Rivers, shall meet, on a day to be fixed for that purpose, and shall elect three persons to be trustees, who shall be distinguished and known under the name of "Trustees of the Loan to the sufferers by the fire at Three Rivers," and shall have all the powers and discharge all the duties devolved upon them by virtue of this Act.

Trustees to be appointed to take charge of loan.

II. The election of the said Trustees shall be announced, held and conducted by any of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the District of Three Rivers, residing in the said Town, and who shall not have lost any building by the said fire, within the delays and in the same manner as

How the election of Trustees shall be conducted.