

the year, and to be paid for the same by occupier, at rates varying from 4d. to 7½d each flue.

22. Occupant not to prevent the sweeping of chimnies, as before provided.

23. Fire inspectors liable to penalty if chimnies catch fire within the prescribed time, or in consequence of irregularity on their part.

24. Fire inspectors to accompany chimney sweepers, to see the duty performed properly, and without unnecessary annoyance, and to give at least one day's notice of their coming.

25. Inspectors to make a weekly report of all infractions of this act, and to prosecute offenders against the same.

26. No person to refuse paying for the sweeping of chimnies as aforesaid.

27. None but the fire inspector to sweep, or cause to be swept for hire or gain, any chimnies in the city or liberties.

28. Infractions of the provisions of this act, after section 10, to subject the transgressors, on conviction, to a fine, of not more than 5*l.*, or less than 2*s.* 6*d.*, and costs; and in default of payment thereof, to imprisonment, for any period not exceeding one month.

Subsequent to the passing of the foregoing act, a fire warden has been appointed by a resolution of the Common Council, whose duty, among other things, is more particularly to examine into, and report upon the condition of the fire apparatus and houses, and to see that the same are kept in good repair, to certify accounts, and otherwise attend to the financial affairs of the department.

*An Act to provide for the erection of Party Walls, and to prevent the Erection of Buildings dangerous in promoting Fires within certain limits.*

(CONDENSED.)

(Passed January 28, 1850.)

The preamble recites the power given by the Legislature at different periods to the Common Council of the city, as regards the erection of party walls and buildings generally &c., and the passing of an act of the said council, 30*th* of June, 1845, "entitled An Act to restrain the erection of furnaces and manufactories dangerous from fires; to regulate the erection of party walls, and for other purposes mentioned therein;" which act has been found insufficient for the purposes intended.

Sect. 1. Repeals said act of 30*th* of June, 1845.

2. All buildings within the following limits, viz.: from George street on the east to the centre of York street on the west, from the centre of Adelaide and Duke streets on the north to the bay on the south, to be divided into five classes. All churches, chapels, &c., distilleries, breweries, foundries, furnaces, &c., of any dimensions, and dwelling-houses, warehouses, &c., of four stories high, above ground, or forty-five feet in height, to be deemed of the first class. Dwelling-houses &c., of three stories, or thirty-five feet in height, to be deemed of the second class. Dwelling-houses, &c. of two stories, or twenty-two feet in height to be deemed of the third class. Dwelling-houses &c. of one story, or sixteen feet in height, to be deemed of the fourth class. Dwelling-houses or offices, stables &c. belonging thereto, and at a distance of six feet from any public road, and detached from other buildings not in the same possession at least thirty-five feet, to be deemed a fifth class building, and can be built of any dimensions or material whatever.

3. The external or party walls of the first four classes of building to be of certain degrees of thickness, varying from eighteen to thirty-eight inches and upwards. Outbuildings connected with the latter class of houses and not divided therefrom by a party wall, to be considered of the same class of buildings, and built accordingly, but if offices &c. be detached or merely connected by a fence wall, then such building to be deemed of the class it otherwise belongs to, as unconnected with such building.

4. Removals of frame or other buildings to be considered a re-erection. Repair of frames to the amount of two-thirds the value thereof, to be considered a re-construction; amount to be determined by arbitration.

5. Party walls to be between house and house, except when each have independent walls, and to be taken down if not of sufficient thickness in case adjoining house require to be rebuilt. Timbers projecting through party walls to be cut off. External walls cannot become party walls unless they correspond in thickness to such. Party walls to be such as are required for the highest class of building adjoining; owners of adjoining houses making use of party walls to contribute to their expense. Brickwork on party or external walls to be properly bonded in every course. No recess to be made in any party wall of first second third or fourth class of building, (except for chimnies, flues, beams &c., or for the ends of walls or piers.)

6. Openings not allowed in party-walls, except in certain cases: when allowed, iron doors to be provided for each opening. Necessary passages and ways, or cellars