

An Act for more adequately securing the health of localities in Upper Canada against risk from infection arising from bodies of persons who die of malignant infectious diseases lying uninterred.

WHEREAS it is expedient to make provision for more adequately securing the health of the inhabitants of localities in Upper Canada against risk from infection arising from the bodies of persons who die of malignant infectious diseases lying uninterred; Therefore, Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows:

Preamble.

I. The body of any person dying of cholera, typhus fever, scarlet fever, small pox, erysipelas, puerperal fever, or other contagious disease, in any locality or district, in any City, County or Municipality of Upper Canada, in which locality or district a public cemetery or burying ground is established, shall be removed from the dwelling, building, or place in which he may have died, within hours from the time of death, in case the same shall happen between the hours of and within hours from the time of death, in case the same shall happen between the hours of and shall be deposited for interment without delay in the nearest public cemetery or burying ground of such district or locality.

Bodies of persons dying of certain diseases to be moved within hours and buried, in the nearest cemetery.

II. The trustees of such cemeteries or burying grounds shall in all cases be obliged to receive the bodies of dead persons brought to their cemeteries or burying grounds under the provisions of this Act, and shall provide attendance for the purpose of receiving such bodies, and proper buildings for depositing the same until they can be duly interred, under a penalty of for each breach of the provisions of this Act, to be recoverable by

Trustees of cemeteries to provide attendance, &c.

III. In case of any such death as aforesaid, the occupier of the house, building, or place in which the body of such deceased person may be, shall, on the fact of such decease coming to his knowledge, give, or cause to be given, immediate notice thereof to a and in case the deceased shall be in the relation to the said occupier either of husband, wife, parent, or child, and such occupier shall be unable, by reason of expense or otherwise, to procure the removal and interment of the body of the deceased under the provisions of this Act, such occupier shall at the same time give notice of his inability; and in case the deceased shall stand in any other relationship to the said occupier, or shall be a stranger in blood, and such occupier shall be unwilling to undertake the removal and interment of such body, the said occupier shall at the same time give notice of such his unwillingness.

Notice of decease to be given by occupant of the house in which it takes place, and of occupant's inability or unwillingness to bury.