

Act to enable County Councils to raise money for assisting persons in certain cases to sow their land, and for other purposes.

WHEREAS from the failure last year of the crops in some of the townships of Upper Canada, many persons will not be able to procure seed, without assistance, and it is expedient to empower County Councils to raise money for their relief; Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows:—

Preamble.

I. Notwithstanding any law in force in Upper Canada, the Council or Provisional Council of any County may pass a By-law or By-laws for raising money not exceeding in the whole *twenty thousand dollars*, to be expended in the purchase of seed, and for the relief of persons suffering from the failure of the crops, for no other purpose; and the debentures issued under such By-laws shall be a charge on the County.

County Councils may raise money for procuring seed, &c.

II. Such By-law shall be in the form of Schedule A to this Act, and and the Sections numbered 222, 223, and 224 of the Upper Canada Municipal Act of 1858 shall not apply thereto.

Form of By-law, &c.

III. The County Council or Provisional County Council shall lend the money so raised, in such sums as they may deem expedient, to Township Councils requesting the same, and shall impose and levy a special rate in each year against the Municipality so borrowing, over and above all other County rates, until the loan and interest are repaid.

Money to be lent to Township Councils. Special rate to repay it.

IV. The Councils of the Townships shall lend the money so borrowed, or may lend any surplus Township funds in their possession not otherwise appropriated, to the persons aforesaid for the purposes aforesaid.

Township Councils may lend to individuals,

V. The Township Councils, if they deem it expedient, may purchase seed and deliver the same to the persons aforesaid in place of the money.

or purchase and lend seed.

VI. The Township Council shall, by By-law, declare the time within which such loan shall be repaid, and shall impose, levy and collect a special annual rate, over and above all other rates, against the estate, real and personal, of the party borrowing, or take such other security as they may see fit for the repayment thereof, and all the rights and remedies shall apply thereto which now or at any time hereafter shall apply to the collection of any other rate or tax upon such land.

Council to fix time for repayment; mode of securing or enforcing payment.

VII. No money raised under this Act shall be applied to any other purpose, and any surplus thereof unapplied shall be added to the sinking fund for the redemption of the County Debentures issued hereunder.

Money raised to be applied solely to purposes of this Act.