Act to authorize the City of Hamilton to negotiate a loan of Fifty thousand pounds to consolidate the City Debt, and for other purposes.

THEREAS the Corporation of the City of Hamilton have petitioned Preamble. to be authorized by law to borrow on the Debentures of the said City, a sum not exceeding Fifty thousand pounds, for certain purposes and under certain restrictions in the said petition set forth, and it is 5 expedient that the prayer of their said petition should be granted: Be it therefore enacted, &c.,

That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Mayor, Aldermen, and Corporation Commonalty of the City of Hamilton, to raise by way of loan upon the may raise credit of the Debentures hereinafter mentioned, from any person or per- £55,000 on Debentures. 10 sons, 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 Fifty thousand pounds of lawful money of Canada.

II. And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Mayor Debentures to of the said City of Hamilton for the time being, to cause to be issued be issued, 15 Debentures of the said City, under the Corporation seal, signed by the under the corporate seal. Mayor, and countersigned by the Chamberlain of the said City for the time being, in such sums not exceeding in the whole the said sum of Fifty thousand pounds, as the Common Council shall direct and appoint, and that the principal sum secured by the said Debentures, and the 20 interest accruing thereon, shall be made payable either in this Province, in Great Britain, or elsewhere, as the said Common Council shall deem expedient or necessary.

III. And be it enacted, That so much of the said Loan so to be raised Application of as aforesaid, as shall be necessary for the purpose, shall be applied by certain portions of the said the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the said City of Hamilton, in the payment of the Debt due on the Market Ground, amounting to about Seven thousand five hundred pounds; on the Central School, amounting to about Seven thousand five hundred pounds; and to the Gore Bank, amounting to about Five thousand pounds, and 30 the remainder of the said Loan shall be applied in aid of any public Remainder to improvements now or hereafter to be erected or constructed in the said any public City.

IV. And be it enacted, That for the payment, satisfaction and dis-Sinking Fund charge of the Debentures to be issued by virtue of this Act, it shall and of two per stands be lawful for the Common Council of the said City of Hamilton, in cent. per annum. a By-law to be passed authorizing the said Loan and the issuing of the Debentures therefor, to impose a special rate per annum over and