

optional with the City. Under a clause in the Act the City made an agreement with the Provincial Government, by which the latter resumed the management of the Provincial and City Hospital, the City reserving all its rights as to compensation for the cost of the building, which was erected and paid for by the City; also for the value of the grounds and the disposition of the Murdoch bequest. The City is held by the Act to be indebted to the Province in the sum of \$33,333 on account of the Poor Asylum, in addition to any other sum that may be found to be due; but this is to be off-setted by any amount found to be due to the City by the Province. The liability of the Province is limited, but the liability of the City to the Province is unlimited. Arbitrators, one to be appointed by the Province, a second by the City, and an umpire to be chosen by the two Arbitrators, failing their agreement, by the Chief Justice, are to settle the accounts between the Province and City as to construction and maintenance.

Chapter 59 allows the leasing of the block of land on the Common, bounded by Sackville street on south, Summer street on the west, and Bell road on the north and east, also legalizing the closing of the street leading from the Citadel to Jubilee road. It authorises the borrowing of \$1500 to improve and fence the square fronting the Exhibition building. It also authorises the borrowing of \$10,000 for extension of water service, 6,500 for repairs on the City Prison, \$2,100 in payment of flour weighers for lost fees, \$2,732.21 for certain overdue accounts, \$2,500 to purchase broken stone from the Association for Relief of the Poor. The same Act authorises an assessment, not to exceed \$1,200 per annum, for boys committed to the Roman Catholic Reformatory from the Police Court. It amends the water assessment Act of 1885 by limiting the water tax on buildings beyond one thousand feet from any hydrant, it increases the time allowed for valuations for assessment to 150 days, and authorises the commencement of the valuations in September instead of October, and it provides