

An Act to diminish the number of licenses issued by the sale of Intoxicating Liquors by retail.

WHEREAS the number of places licensed for the sale of intoxicating liquors by retail is larger than the necessities of the community require, and it is therefore expedient to reduce the same : Therefore, Her Majesty &c., enacts as follows :—

Preamble.

5 I. From and after the passing of this Act, it shall not be lawful for any Municipal Council or other authority, to grant or issue any licenses for the sale of Spirituous Liquors by retail in any dwelling house or other building except such as are now duly licensed, unless upon petition praying for the same signed by at least of the resident freeholders or householders of the municipality within which the same is to have effect ; provided always, that no such new license shall be granted, unless the same shall be for a tavern provided with such accommodations as are herein prescribed.

Issuing of tavern licenses restricted.

15 II. Whenever the keepers of any saloons, recesses or other places not furnished with the tavern accommodation hereinafter specified and now licensed to sell Spirituous Liquors by retail shall, for any cause, discontinue their said business, it shall not be lawful for any Municipal Council or other authority to license any other person to carry on such business in the same building.

In case saloon keepers, &c., discontinue their business.

20 III. As the tavern keepers now licensed for any cause discontinue their business, it shall be the duty of the Municipality concerned to refuse licenses for carrying on the same business on the same premises, until the number of taverns in such municipality shall be reduced to, or below the proportion of one for every two hundred and fifty souls resident therein as shown by the last census, or by a special enumeration taken by order of the Municipal Council concerned ; provided always, that this section shall not apply to cases where more than the sum of one thousand pounds has been invested for the purpose of furnishing tavern accommodation.

Proportion of taverns to inhabitants.

30 IV. Every tavern hereinafter licensed shall contain, in addition to what may be needed for the use of the family of the tavern keeper, six bedrooms, with the suitable complement of bedding and furniture, and there shall also be attached to it, proper stabling for at least six horses.

Accommodation to be provided.

35 V. Any Municipal Council which shall be proved guilty of any infraction of this By-Law before any Court of Quarter Sessions, (which court is hereby authorised and required to investigate and decide upon all complaints made under this Act,) shall forfeit its share of the monies arising from the sale of the Clergy Reserve Lands, which share shall be paid over to and form part of the Consolidated Revenue of the Province.

Penalty for infractions of this Act.