

*Quorum of Commissioners fixed.* L. And be it enacted, That the *Quorum* of any Corporation or Body constituted by this Act, shall be the absolute majority of all the members thereof; and any majority of the members present at any meeting regularly held, at which there shall be a *Quorum*, may validly exercise all the powers of the Corporation. 5

*Saving of Rights not specially affected, &c.* LI. And be it enacted, That nothing herein contained shall affect the rights of Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, or of any body politic or corporate, or of any person whomsoever, except in so far as may be herein specially provided and enacted. 10

*Interpretation Clause.* LII. And be it enacted, That the words "Lower Canada," wheresoever they occur in this Act, shall mean all that part of this Province which formerly constituted the Province of Lower Canada;—the word "Governor" shall mean the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or person administering the Government of this Province;—and the words "Governor in Council" shall mean the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or person administering the Government of the Province, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council thereof; the word "Assessment" shall mean the determining of the total sum to be raised by a Rate; the word "Rate" shall mean the proportionate sum to be paid by each party, under any assessment; and the word "Tax" shall mean a definite sum to be paid by some certain classes of persons, without regard to the value of their property, or on some certain property without regard to its value; and all words importing the singular number or the masculine gender only, shall include several persons, matters and things of one kind, as well as one person, matter or thing, and females as well as males, unless there be something in the subject or context inconsistent with or repugnant to such construction; and generally, all words, expressions, and provisions herein occurring shall receive such large, beneficial, and liberal construction as will best ensure the attainment of the 15 20 25 30 35 40 45

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*General Rule.*