



BRITISH COLUMBIA.

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VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

No. 20.

An Ordinance to enable the Municipal Council of the City of Victoria to establish a permanent fund for the support of the Fire Establishments of the said City.

[13th March, 1869.]

WHEREAS it is expedient that a permanent fund should be raised for the support of the Fire Establishments of the City of Victoria, and that the Mayor and Council of the said City should be empowered to levy a Rate for that purpose, in addition to the powers of taxation conferred under the "Victoria Municipal Ordinance, 1867."

Preamble.

Be it enacted by the Governor of British Columbia, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:

I. There shall be raised, levied, and collected, in each and every year, during the continuance of an efficient Fire Establishment, upon or in respect of each Building or Erection within the limits of the City of Victoria, except as hereinafter provided, a Rate not exceeding One-quarter of One per Cent. on the value thereof, as laid down on the Municipal Assessment Roll of the said City, for the year next preceding the annual levy.

Levy of Fire Rate.

II. Such Rate shall, in the first place, be paid and payable by the tenant or occupier of any such erection or building, and in case such building or erection is vacant, or if such tenant or occupier shall neglect or fail to pay such rate when due, then by the owner of the land on which any such Building or Erection shall be situate; and when paid, the amount paid with Interest thereon at Twelve per Cent. per annum shall be recoverable by such Owner from the Owner or Occupier of such Building or Erection, by distress, or otherwise, in like manner as if the amount due were owing for rent in arrear. Provided, always, that no Rate shall be levied, collected, or paid on or in respect of any Building or Erection on which a substantial insurance against loss or damage by fire is in existence to one-half of the assessed value of the building or erection, if such insurance be effected by or through an Office having an Agent carrying on business within the limits of the said City of Victoria; nor upon any place of public worship; nor upon any Buildings used for Government, Public, or Charitable purposes.

By whom payable

Exceptions.

III. There shall be levied and collected upon and from all Agents of Fire Insurance Companies, who shall be carrying on business within the limits of the said City of Victoria, an Annual Rate not exceeding One-eighth of One per Cent. upon the amount of Insurance upon all real and personal property situate within the limits of the said City of Victoria, insured by them respectively, within the year next preceding the 31st day of December, immediately preceding the declaration of such Rate.

Rate on Insurance Companies.

IV. All Agents of Fire Insurance Companies shall, in the month of January in each year, make a Return to the Clerk of the Municipal Council of the City of Victoria, at the Council Chambers, in the Form marked B. in the Schedule

Compulsory Returns of property insured.

hereto,