

who shall not afterwards drive any coach, cab, cart, &c. without the permission so to do of the Mayor, or aldermen by whom he was suspended.

41. Persons guilty of any infraction of this act, on conviction before the Mayor, or presiding alderman, liable to a penalty not exceeding five pounds nor less than 2s. 6d., with costs, and in default of payment in case no sufficient distress be levied, liable to imprisonment for any period not exceeding one calendar month.

*An Act, making provision for the prevention and extinction of Fires, and for repealing all former enactments on the same subject.*

(CONDENSED).

Passed November, 1845.

Sect. 1. Repeals all former laws for preventing and extinguishing fires, &c.

2. The fire department of the city of Toronto to consist of one chief and two assistant engineers, and one captain, a first and second lieutenant, secretary and treasurer, to each engine, hook and ladder, hose, and property protection company. Companies to consist of not more than forty members, except the property protection company, which is not to exceed two hundred.

3. Members of companies to choose their own officers, and pass by-laws for their own government, if not repugnant to this act or the municipal or general laws of the province.

4. Officers of the different companies to nominate engineers, who are ultimately appointed by the Council.

5. The chief, or in his absence, the senior assistant engineer, to have sole controul over the fire department, and with the concurrence of the Mayor or any alderman, authorize the demolishing or taking down of any houses or fences deemed necessary, in order to arrest the progress of fire, and to demand the aid and assistance of every person present at each fire, or order them to retire, and the entire controul of carters, and the arranging and disposing of water brought by them.

6. Officers in command of engines, hose, carts, or hook and ladder apparatus, to have power of commanding male inhabitants over 16 and under 60 years of age, to assist in conveying engines, &c., to any fire.

7. Firemen exempt from serving as jurors, militiamen, &c.

8. Property protection company, to take in charge and convey to a place of safety property of all kinds which may be in danger of, or saved from fire. Senior officer to have the command of the company, who is likewise empowered to demand the assistance of others.

9. Engineers, officers and members of companies, to wear a distinctive dress.

10. The Mayor and aldermen of the city, who are to be recognized as bearing a wand with a gilded flame at the top, have authority to command the assistance of others at such fires. Persons refusing liable to be sent to jail.

11. Licensed carters to attend all fires with their horse and cart, for the purpose of conveying water thereto, and not to leave without the permission of the officer in command of the department.

12. Six clear inches to intervene between any stove-pipe and any wooden partition through which it may pass.

13. Stove-pipe holes to be kept closed with some incombustible material when not in use.

14. Stove-pipes not to pass through the top or sides of wooden buildings, unless through a stone, or chimney of brick mortar.

15. Stoves to be placed so as to be eight inches from the floor, nine inches from wood above, and seven inches from wood at sides, in any building, and to be furnished with a metal ash-pan.

16. Houses within the city or liberties, in which there are one or more chimnies, to have on the same a corresponding number of ladders. Ladders to chimnies to be fastened thereto, and otherwise regulated as fire inspector may direct.

17. No shavings or combustible matter to be set fire to, or consumed in any street, square or lane, or within fifty feet of any building within the city or liberties. Lighted candles or lamps, used in livery or other stables, to be enclosed in a shade or lantern.

18. No person to smoke in stables, carpenters' shops or other places, where combustible materials are; nor carry fire, except in a covered vessel of metal, through any street, lane, &c.

19. Ashes not to be kept in any wooden vessel, or near any wooden partition in any house or shed; nor shall hay, straw, &c., be kept within 100 feet of any building. For further information on this head, see sec. 22, Party-wall act.

20. No discharging of fire-arms, or setting off of fire-works, allowed in any street, square, or lane in the city.

21. City inspectors to cause flues and chimnies of houses to be swept once in every six weeks, from Nov. to April, and once every two months the remainder of