

An Act to confer more extensive powers on Municipalities in Lower Canada, in relation to the suppression of Intemperance, and the maintenance of peace and good order, and for other purposes.

**W**HEREAS the powers granted to Municipalities by the Consolidated Municipal Act of Lower Canada, have been found insufficient for the effective suppression of Intemperance, and for the maintenance of peace and good order, and it is expedient to grant them the necessary powers ;  
5 Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows:

Preamble.

I. Every Municipal Council in Lower Canada, shall have power, at a meeting or meetings composed of a majority of the members thereof, to make By-laws which shall be binding on all parties concerned, for the following objects, that is to say :

Municipal Councils may make by-laws

10 1. For preventing merchants, traders, pedlers, shopkeepers, hotel-keepers, tavern-keepers, and other persons keeping houses or places of entertainment within the limits of any Municipality, and all other persons from selling or retailing on Sunday any goods, wares, or merchandise, wines, spirits or other intoxicating liquors, or purchasing and drinking  
15 the same in any hotel, tavern, house, or place of public entertainment, and also for the closing of all saloons and taverns from seven in the evening on Saturday, until the following Monday morning ; and every such Council may by such by-laws, give power and authority to enter  
20 any shops, stores, hotels, taverns, or houses whatsoever, within the limits of their jurisdiction, for the purpose of arresting, or causing to be arrested in the act, any persons so selling, retailing, offering or exposing, buying or drinking, or suspected of so selling, retailing, offering or exposing, or buying, and drinking, as aforesaid.

For preventing trading and tippling on Sunday.

25 2. For preventing and suppressing dog-fights, cock-fights, and other cruel amusements, within the limits of their municipalities at any time, with power to arrest, or cause to be arrested in the act, all persons who shall be found taking part in, assisting at or directing, or who shall be  
30 suspected of taking part in, assisting at, or directing the same.

For preventing dog fighting, &amp;c.

3. For preventing and suppressing, on Sunday, all races with horses  
30 or other animals, on any race course, or other places specially set apart for horse racing, or in any other place whatsoever ; and also, the training of horses, either in pacing, trotting, galloping or otherwise, on such race courses or other places appropriated to that purpose, with power to every such Council to impose a tax on all proprietors, tenants or other  
35 occupants of such race-courses or other places appropriated or used for that purpose, for every day on which races shall take place, other than Sunday.

For preventing horse-racing on Sunday.

II. And in virtue of any by-law so made, for each and every the purposes aforesaid, such Councils may impose such fines not exceeding  
40 twenty dollars, or such imprisonment not exceeding thirty days, as they shall deem necessary for enforcing such by-laws.

Fines and penalties.