

An Act to regulate the means of Egress from Public Buildings.

WHEREAS, the neglect of a proper mode of constructing the doors Preamble.
and gates of Churches and of Halls or buildings used for holding
public meetings, is a source of great danger to life and limb, and it is
desirable to provide a remedy; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with
5 the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of
Canada, enacts as follows:—

1. In all Churches, Halls or other buildings in this Province hereafter Doors of
to be constructed or used for holding public meetings, all the doors and churches, &c.,
gates shall be so hinged that they may open freely outwards, to facili- to be hung so
10 tate the egress of people, in case of alarm from fire or other cause. as to open
outwards.

2. Congregations or others owning Churches, and individuals, Cor- Doors of
porations and Companies owning Halls, or other buildings used for the existing
purpose of holding public meetings, shall, within six months from the churches, &c.,
15 passing of this Act, be required to have the doors and gates of such to be altered
Churches, Halls or other buildings so hinged as to open freely outwards. if necessary.

3. All Congregations or others violating the provisions of this Act, Liability of
shall be liable to any person or persons injured in consequence of such persons viola-
neglect, in such damages as may be proved in the ordinary course of ting this Act.
20 law in any Court of competent jurisdiction; and shall also be liable to
a fine not exceeding twenty dollars, recoverable on information before
any two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace. One moiety of such
fine shall go to the informer or public prosecutor; the other moiety to
the Municipality in which the case may arise.

4. In Cities, Towns and Incorporated Villages, it shall be the duty Enforcement
25 of the High Bailiff, Chief Constable, or Chief of Police, to enforce the of this Act.
provisions of this Act.