

BILL.

An Act to amend an Act for supplying the City of Quebec and parts adjacent thereto with water, and to establish a Board of Direction for the management and superintendence of the Water Works to be constructed according to the provisions of the said Act.

WHEREAS by an Act of the Legislature of this Province passed in the tenth year of Her Majesty's Reign intituled "*An Act for supplying the City of Quebec and parts adjacent thereto with water,*" powers were conferred upon the Mayor and Councillors of the said City with the intention of enabling them to obtain a supply of good and wholesome water from sources in the vicinity of said City: And whereas the inhabitants of the said City, in a public meeting duly convened, as well as the said Corporation, have expressed their desire that further statutory provisions should be made by the Legislature, for the attainment of an object in a great degree conducive to the public health and at the same time affording a protection against fires and disastrous conflagrations, to which the said city hath been exposed from the want of an early supply of water: Be it therefore enacted, &c.

That the restriction imposed upon the said Corporation, by the twelfth section of the said Act, shall be and the same is by this Act removed; and it shall be lawful for the said Corporation, when and so soon as they are prepared to supply the said City, or any parts thereof, with water, to specify and declare by a Bye-law, that the proprietors or occupiers of houses, stores, and similar buildings in the said City, or in such parts thereof as they are ready to supply as aforesaid, shall be subject to the annual rate or assessment, payable at the periods to be fixed by the said Bye-law, to the said Corporation, which rate or assessment shall not, however, be made payable before the water is ready to be supplied to the proprietors or occupiers, by the said Corporation, and shall not exceed *one shilling and three pence* in the pound on the assessed annual value of the houses occupied and one half that amount on stores and similar buildings: Provided always, that such rate shall not be chargeable on the excess of such annual value over *one hundred and fifty pounds*.

Restriction in sect. 12, removed. Water-rate may be imposed by the Corporation.

Proviso.