

An Act to amend the Act authorizing investigations in cases of accident by Fire.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Act passed in the twen- Preamble.
 tieth year of Her Majesty's Reign, chapter thirty-six, intituled, 20 V. c. 36.
 "An Act to authorize investigations in cases of accident by Fire, and
 "to repeal the Act authorizing such investigations in the cities of
 5 "Quebec and Montreal," and to extend the provisions of the said Act :
 Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows :

I. The duties imposed on the Coroner and the powers vested in him The said Act
 by the said first mentioned Act, shall extend and shall be deemed to apply to all places.
 apply and shall apply to all cities, towns, villages, parishes, townships,
 10 subdivisions of parishes or townships and to all municipalities of cities,
 towns, villages, townships, parishes or places outside the parish limits,
 for all and every the purposes mentioned in the said Act and in this
 Act, anything to the contrary notwithstanding.

II. Such Coroners shall also be empowered in their discretion to Jury of not
 15 summon a jury of not less than six persons to hear the evidence that less than six.
 may be adduced touching or concerning such fire, and to render a ver-
 dict under oath thereupon in accordance with the facts.

III. When any such enquiry shall have been held by the Coroner in Fees to the
 conformity with the Act first above mentioned and the present Act, the Coroner, and
 20 Coroner holding the same shall be entitled therefor to the sum of *thirty* how to be paid
dollars, if the enquiry extend to two days only, then to *fifteen dollars*
 for every day of the enquiry subsequent to the two first days, over and
 above his travelling expenses ; And the official order of such Coroner
 for the same upon the Treasurer of the city, town, village, township,
 25 parish and place without the limits of a parish, or of any municipality
 within the limits of which a fire shall occur and in which such inquiry
 shall be holden, shall be paid by the said Treasurer out of any funds
 he may then have in the Treasury, as he is hereby commanded to
 do, upon the presentation of such order.

IV. The third, sixth and seventh sections of the Act first above cited Sec. 3, 6 and 7
 are hereby repealed. repealed.

V. The Coroner shall be empowered to summon to appear before him all persons required as witnesses in the matter of any inquiry held Summoming
 by him by virtue of and under the authority of the said Act and of Witnesses.
 35 this Act.

VI. The District Coroners shall be *ex-officio* Justices of the Peace District Coro-
 without being required to possess the property qualification required ners to be Jus-
 by any Act now in force in this Province. tices of the
 Peace.