

An Act concerning the administration of Justice in Lower Canada.

**W**HEREAS it has become necessary to make further provision for the administration of justice in Lower Canada: Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, 5 enacts as follows:

Preamble.

1. So much of the provisions of the one hundred and eleventh section of *The Lower Canada Judicature Act of 1857*, as relates to the title to the Court House and Gaol in and for each of the New Districts respectively, and the one hundred and 10 twelfth section thereof shall, notwithstanding any law to the contrary, be extended and shall apply to all the Districts of Lower Canada, so that hereafter the title to the District Court House and Gaol at or near the *chef-lieu* in and for each and every District of Lower Canada and to the Court House and 15 Gaol at each of the *chefs-lieux* in the District of Gaspé, to wit: in the Counties of Gaspé and Bonaventure, so long as separate judicial officers shall exist in each of those Counties, shall be vested in the Sheriff of such District or County, as the case may be, for the time being, and his successors in office for ever, 20 and he and each of his successors in office shall be a Corporation sole for the purpose of holding the same, but without power to alienate, charge or incumber the same; and it shall be the duty of every Sheriff to keep the Court House and Gaol therein insured against loss by fire, for an amount and by an Insurance 25 Company to be approved by the Commissioner of Public Works, and in case of loss by fire the Sheriff may recover under the policy, and the amount recovered shall be applied to repair or re-construct the building destroyed or damaged.
2. All the provisions of the one hundred and thirteenth 30 section of *The Lower Canada Judicature Act of 1857* shall be extended and shall apply to the Districts of Quebec, Montreal, Three-Rivers, Gaspé, St. Francis, Kamouraska and Ottawa, so that, for the keeping in good repair the District Court Houses and Gaols in those Districts, and for paying the Petit Jurors in criminal cases in the same, there shall be, in and for 35 each such District, a Fund, to be called "The Building and Jury Fund for the District of" " (as the case may be,) which shall consist of the several items mentioned in the said section; provided, however, that each of the local municipalities or corporations of the Cities of Quebec, Montreal 40 and Three-Rivers, and the Town of Sherbrooke, shall contribute yearly to that fund the following amounts, that is to say:

Section 111 of 20 V. c. 44, extended, and the title to the District Court House and Gaol in any District of L. C. vested in the Sheriff thereof.

His powers and duties.

Section 113 of 20 V. c. 44, extended to the Old Districts, and fund created for keeping the Court Houses and Gaols therein in repair in each.

Contributions to such fund.