

## An Act to regulate the erection of Houses and other Buildings.

- 10 **WHEREAS** the practice of erecting buildings so deficient in solidity Preamble.  
 as to render them insecure and dangerous to life, is greatly on  
 the increase, and it becomes necessary to impose a check thereon for  
 the protection of the public; Therefore, Her Majesty, &c., enacts as  
 follows:—
- 15 I. On and after the day upon which this Act shall come into force, it Inspectors of  
buildings to be  
appointed.  
 shall be lawful for the Governor in Council to appoint an Inspector of  
 buildings, for the purposes of this Act, in and for such Districts, Coun-  
 ties, Cities, Towns, and other localities in the Province as may by him  
 be deemed expedient.
- 20 II. It shall not be lawful for any person, or persons, or body corpo- Plans of all  
buildings, &c.,  
to be submit-  
ted to him be-  
fore erection.  
 rate, after the day aforesaid, to commence the erection of any house, or  
 edifice, or building whatever, public or private, of more than two stories  
 high, without having previously submitted to the Inspector to be  
 appointed under this Act, a full and complete plan of the building to be  
 25 erected, specifying its height, breadth, and thickness of all its walls,  
 external and internal, and every other particular necessary to enable  
 such Inspector to determine and certify that such building will be suf-  
 ficiently solid to render it secure and durable, and capable of sustaining  
 in all and any of its apartments or divisions, any weight or pressure to  
 30 which it may be reasonably expected to be subjected.
- III. It shall be the duty of the Inspector minutely to examine every Inspector may  
grant a certi-  
ficate, if he  
finds the plan  
unobjection-  
able.  
 such plan delivered to him, and the place where such building is intended  
 to be erected, in strict compliance with the intent and meaning of this  
 35 Act, and thereupon to grant a certificate to the owner to that effect, and  
 that he finds such plan unobjectionable, or that he has found the same  
 insufficient for reasons to be therein stated. Every such plan found  
 sufficient shall be sealed up by the Inspector, endorsed with the name  
 of the owner and a short description of the building under the signature  
 of the Inspector, and then deposited with the Clerk or Secretary of the  
 40 Municipality or Corporation within the limits of which such building  
 is to be erected, there to remain until such time as its production and  
 opening may be ordered by competent authority.
- IV. It shall be competent to any person producing such plan, at any Plans of any  
alteration of  
the original  
design to be  
also submit-  
ted.  
 45 time after the deposit thereof, as aforesaid, or before or during the  
 progress of the erection of such building, to submit to the Inspector any  
 other or further plan or plans containing alterations of the preceeding  
 plan, or additions thereto, with respect to all which other and further  
 plans, the same formalities as to examination, certificate and deposit shall  
 be observed as in the case of the first plan.
- 50 V. Any person fraudulently procuring any such certificate, or in any Penalty on  
fraudulently  
 way evading the provisions of this Act, and any Inspector guilty of