

official proceedings, and the said Commissioners and the Clerks employed in their service shall be sworn to the faithful performance of their duties, and all such books shall be open to the examination of any person or persons appointed for that purpose by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Hamilton : The Commissioners shall also, on the thirtieth day of June, and the thirty-first day of December in each and every year, make a report to the said the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Hamilton, of the condition of the works under their charge, accompanied by a statement of their receipts and expenditures on account of the same.

IX. The Board of Commissioners for the time being, shall regulate the distribution and use of the water in all places and for all purposes where the same may be required, and, from time to time, shall fix the prices for the use thereof, and the times of payment, and they may erect such number of public hydrants and in such places as they shall see fit, and direct in what manner and for what purposes the same shall be used, all which they may change at their discretion : Provided always, that all hydrants, conduits, or other appliances required and furnished for the purpose of extinguishment of fires shall be placed as the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Hamilton shall direct, and shall be under their exclusive control and direction.

X. The owner and occupier of any house, tenement or lot, shall each be liable for the payment of the price or rent fixed by the Commissioners for the use of the water by such occupier, and such price or rent so fixed shall be a lien upon the said house, tenement or lot in the same way and manner as other taxes assessed on real estate in the said City of Hamilton are liens, and shall be collected in like manner, if not previously paid to the Commissioners.

XI. A majority of the said Commissioners shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business allowed or required by the powers or duties of their commission, and all contracts and engagements, acts and doings of the said Commissioners within the scope of their duty or authority, shall be obligatory upon and be in law considered as done by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Hamilton.

XII. The said Commissioners may prosecute or defend any actions or process at Law or in Equity by the