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BILL.

No. 442.

WHEREAS it is right to provide means for assessing the Preamble:
Citizens residing in the City of Quebec, for damages arising
from injury to property by any mob or during riots therein ; Be it
therefore enacted, &c.

5 That it shall be lawful for the Council of the said City of Quebec, Damages to be
paid by the
City.
at any meeting or meetings of the said Council at which not less
than two-thirds of the Members thereof shall be present, to make
By-laws which shall be binding on all persons for the following
purpose, that is to say : For imposing a special assessment over
10 and above all other rates or assessments which the said Council are
empowered to impose, to meet and defray the expense of indemnify-
ing the proprietor of any building or buildings or other property
whats'ever, that may be demolished, destroyed or deteriorated in
15 value by any mob, tumultuous assemblage or riotous persons whom-
soever in the said City; Provided that in the event of the de-
molition or destruction of or injury or damage to any property in
the said City by any mob, tumultuous assemblage or rioters, then
if the said Council omit to provide, by such special assessment, to
20 defray the expense of indemnifying the proprietor thereof within six
months after the destruction or injury of the said property, the
Corporation of the Mayor and Councillors of the City of Quebec,
shall be liable to pay the same, and the proprietor of the pro-
perty destroyed or injured may recover the amount of the dama-
25 ges sustained by the destruction or injury thereof, by action against
the said Corporation.

II. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Council of Council may
pay damages
accrued here
tofore.
the said City, if they shall think proper, to pay out of any unap-
propriated monies belonging to the said Corporation, the amount of
any damages which may have been done to any property in the
30 said City, by any mob, tumultuous assemblage or riotous persons,
at any time during the three months next preceding the passing of
this Act.