

all Gas consumed since last indication of Meter. mises subsequent to the last payment made to such Company by any occupant of such premises, and any security therefor given by the occupants, or either of them shall remain affected for the whole of such payments.

Penalty for breaking or injuring pipes, posts, &c., &c.

24. Any person who shall maliciously break or injure any of the lamps, pipes, or other property belonging to any Company, shall on conviction thereof, incur a penalty not exceeding Twenty Dollars, or be subject to imprisonment for a term not exceeding sixty days. 5

Penalties may be recovered before two Justices of the Peace, or Inspector of Police.

25. All penalties imposed by this Act may be recovered on the information of any person whomsoever, before any two Justices of the Peace having jurisdiction in the locality where such penalty shall be incurred, or before any Superintendent or Inspector of Police, or any Recorder or Police Magistrate; and such informer shall be a competent witness in support of such information. 10

Appeal from decision of Police Court or other Court.

26. All persons who may think themselves aggrieved by any act or decision of any Inspector of Meters, or by any order, judgment or determination of any Inspector or Superintendent of police or other Magistrate, Justice or Justices of the Peace, Recorder or Police Magistrate, relating to any matter or thing in this Act mentioned or contained, may appeal to the Court of Quarter Sessions or Recorder's Court at the next following Session or sittings thereof, if such Session or sittings commence more than eight days after the date of the act complained of or order or decision appealed from; and if such Session or sittings commence at an earlier period, then, at the next subsequent Session or sittings of the same Court to be held in or for the City, County, or District within which the cause of appeal shall have arisen, first giving seven days notice in writing to the adverse party of such intention to appeal, and of the grounds or nature thereof; and on the day of the presentation of the Petition hereinafter mentioned, and forthwith after such notice, such appellant shall enter into a recognizance before some Justice of the Peace, Recorder or other Magistrate as aforesaid, with two sufficient sureties who shall justify to their sufficiency, conditioned to try such appeal and abide the order and award of the said Court thereon; and such appeal may be brought before such Court by a summary Petition accompanied by the original of such notice and by proof of service thereof upon the opposite party: and such Court shall have power to hear evidence upon such appeal and to make such other order thereon as such Court may think proper. 15 20 25 30 35

Proceedings not to be quashed for want of form.

27. No proceeding to be had or taken in pursuance of this Act shall be quashed or vacated for want of form, or removed by certiorari, or by any other writ or proceeding whatever into any of Her Majesty's Courts of record in this Province or elsewhere, any law or Statute, to the contrary notwithstanding. 40

Actions shall be brought within the County within which the cause of action shall have arisen, and Defendant may plead general issue, and give special matter in evidence.

28. In all actions brought against any person for anything done in pursuance of this Act, or in the execution of the powers or authorities thereof, such action should be laid and brought in the district or county within which the cause of action shall have arisen, and the defendant or defendants in such action may plead the general issue and give this Act and the special matter in evidence at any trial to be had thereupon, and that the acts were done in pursuance or by authority of this Act; and if they shall appear to have been so done, or that such action shall have been brought otherwise than as hereinbefore directed, then, and in every such case, judgment shall be given for the defendant, or where the case 45 50