

An Act to amend the Lower Canada Consolidated Municipal Act.

**F**OR the purpose of amending the Lower Canada Consolidated Municipal Act, chapter twenty-four of the Consolidated Statute for Lower Canada, her Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:—

Preamble.

5 POWERS COMMON TO ALL MUNICIPAL COUNCILS.

1. To paragraph eight of section twenty-four the following proviso shall be added:

Paragraph added. Total amount of rates limited.

10 “Provided that the total amount of rates so raised and levied in any municipality for any one year, shall not exceed cents upon the dollar of the annual value of the assessable property in such municipality, reckoning the annual value at the rate of six per centum per annum upon the actual assessed value of such property; unless such rates be imposed to satisfy some judgment, or to discharge some obligation or liability existing against such Municipality at the time of  
15 the passing of this Act.”

SPECIAL POWERS OF COUNTY COUNCILS.

2. The tenth, eleventh, twelfth, thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth paragraphs of section twenty-six, are hereby repealed.

Paragraph repealed.

POWER COMMON TO ALL LOCAL COUNCILS.

20 3. Paragraph sixteen of the twenty-seventh section is hereby repealed, and the following shall be substituted in the place and stead of said paragraph so repealed:—

Paragraph repealed.

25 “16. Every Local Council shall also have power to make, in the month of March of every year, By-laws (not being inconsistent with the provisions of chapter six of the Consolidated statutes for Lower Canada) for the following objects, that is to say:—

New provision. Local Councils may make by-laws respecting sale of spirituous liquors, &c.

*First.*—For prohibiting and preventing the sale of all spirituous, vinous, alcoholic and intoxicating liquors, or to permit such sale, subject to such limitations as they shall consider expedient.

30 *Second.*—For determining under what restrictions and conditions, and in what manner the Collector of Inland Revenue of the district shall grant licences to shop-keepers, or others, to sell such liquors.

*Third.*—For fixing the sum payable for each such license, but such sum shall in no case be less than the sum payable therefor on the first  
35 day of July, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six.

*Fourth.*—For the ordering and governing of all shop-keepers, tavern-keepers, or other retailers of such liquors, in whatever place they may be sold, in such manner as the council deems proper and expedient for the prevention of drunkenness. And no Collector of Inland Revenue  
40 shall grant any license for the sale of any such liquors aforesaid, in any local municipality in which such sale has been prohibited by by-law; nor in any local municipality where a by-law determining the restrictions and conditions under which such license may be granted has been passed.