

An Act for the construction of Water Works in the Town of Saint Catharines.

WHEREAS the corporation of the Town of St. Catharines have by their petition represented that the present municipal law does not confer sufficient powers to enable corporations of towns to provide for the construction of Water Works extending outside their limits; And whereas they are desirous of procuring the passing of an Act, which shall confer upon them all the powers necessary to secure the construction of Water Works, with a view to the health, comfort, and security of the inhabitants of the Town of St. Catharines: Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows:

Preamble.

I. The persons hereafter to be elected in the manner provided for in this Act, and their successors, shall constitute a Board, to be called and known as the Water Commissioners for the Town of St. Catharines.

Water Commissioners appointed.

II. It shall be the duty of the said Commissioners to examine, consider, and decide upon, all matters relative to supplying the said Town of St. Catharines with a sufficient quantity of pure and wholesome water for the use of its inhabitants, and the amount of money necessary to effect that object.

Duty of said Commissioners.

III. The said Commissioners shall have power to employ engineers, surveyors, and such other persons as in their opinion may be necessary to enable them to fulfil their duties under this Act.

Power to employ engineers

IV. It shall and may be lawful for the said Commissioners, their agents, servants, and workmen, from time to time, and at such times hereafter as they shall think fit, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to enter into and upon the lands of any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, in the Town of St. Catharines, or within twenty miles of the said Town, and to survey, set out, and ascertain such parts thereof as they may require for the purposes of the said Water Works, and also to divert and appropriate any spring or stream of water thereon, as they shall judge suitable and proper, and to contract with the owners or occupiers of the said lands and those having an interest or right in the said water for the purchase thereof, or of any part thereof, or of any privilege that may be required for the purposes of the said Commissioners; and in case of any disagreement between the said Commissioners and the owners or occupiers of such lands, or any persons having an interest in the said water or the natural flow thereof, or any such privilege as aforesaid, respecting the amount of purchase or value thereof, or as to the damages such appropriation shall cause to them or otherwise; or in case any such owner or occupier shall be an infant, married woman, or insane, or absent from this Province, or in case such lands

Power to Commissioners to enter upon Lands within twenty miles.