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*Of the Bill introduced into the Assembly, intituled, " Bill to repeal certain Ordinances, and to amend part of an Act therein mentioned, as far as the same relates to the Cities, Towns and Suburbs of Quebec and Montreal, to determine the limits of the said Cities and to establish Societies therein mentioned for preventing accidents by fire."*

I. Preamble declares the Ordinance 17th Geo. III. Chap. 13, and the Ordinance 30th Geo. III. Chap. 7, to be insufficient, and that it is necessary to repeal the same, and provide more efficacious means for preventing conflagration in the Cities of Quebec and Montreal, and arresting the progress of fires, and accordingly repeals the said Ordinances.

II. After the passing of this Act there shall be established in each of those Cities an Association to be called the *Fire Society*, composed of thirteen proprietors of real property, to be elected by proprietors of real property, at a meeting to be held for the purpose, pursuant to notice in the Newspapers, given by order of any three Justices of the Peace. The election to take place in presence of three Justices of the Peace who shall preside at the meeting. A majority of the votes present shall decide the election, the persons elected shall be proclaimed by the parties. The Clerks of the Peace to notify the persons elected within three days after their election. Persons elected are bound to intimate to the Clerks of the Peace their acceptance or rejection of their appointment under a penalty of 10s. Penalty against persons elected, refusing to do their duty, £10. In case of refusal, absence during three months, inability, or death of any member, &c. he may be replaced by a majority of votes of the members of the Society. Previous notice being given of the time when such election is to take place.—Penalty upon the person elected in case of refusal to serve 10s. unless he shall have good cause to excuse himself from serving. No person eligible unless he be a proprietor of real property of the annual value of ten pounds.

III. Of the thirteen members elected, seven shall continue in office during two years, the six others for one year only, at the end of which time, at a general meeting, they shall draw lots in presence of three Justices of Peace to go out of Office, and be immediately replaced by an equal number, chosen at the general meeting, who shall serve under the like penalties as specified in the second clause, and from year to year the oldest in office shall re-