Taxation in

6. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the said Act, or in cities limited. any other Act of the Legislature of this Province contained,-It shall not be lawful for any Council of a City, under any pretence whatever, to impose any greater rate or tax in any one year than twelve and a half cents, on the dollar on the assessed annual value of the taxable 5 property within the City, excepting only in so far as it shall be necessary to pay off and discharge the indebtedness of the Corporation Exception as existing at the time of the passing of this Act; and any tax imposed by any such Council over and above the said rate of twelve and a half cents in the dollar (excepting for the purpose of paying off the bona 10 fide indebtedness of the Corporation at the time of the passing of this Act) shall as respects such excess be null and void to all intents and purposes, and the Members of the Council who shall vote for the impo-

to existing debts. Penalty for excess. sition of such tax contrary to this Act shall be guilty of a misdemeanour and punishable accordingly. 15

Sect. 330 amended.

7. The first paragraph of Section three hundred and thirty of the said Act is hereby repealed, and the following paragraph is substituted therefor and shall hereafter be read as part thereof, namely, "The Council of every City, County, Township, Town and Incorporated village may pass by-laws."

Sec. 269 amended.

Payment of councillors.

8. Section two-hundred and sixty-nine of the said Act is hereby repealed, and the following section is substituted therefor; "The Council of every Township and County may pass By-laws for paying Members of the Council for their attendance in Council at a rate not exceeding two dollars and fifty cents per diem, and in the case of Members 25 of County Councils only, ten cents for each mile of the distance between the place of residence of each Member and the place at which the Session of such Township or County Council is held."

Sec. 385 amended. Recorder holding division courts gratis.

9. Section three hundred and eighty-five of the said Act is hereby amended by adding thereto the following proviso which shall hereafter 30 be read as a part thereof: "Provided always, that where such Recorder consents to hold the Division Courts for the City without any salary or charge for the performance of such duty, he shall not be disqualified from practising as a Barrister, Advocate, Attorney, Solicitor or Proctor in any Court of Law or Equity, excepting only in such Division Courts." 35

- Sect. 73 amended.

10 The seventy-third section of the said Act is hereby amended by adding thereto the following words:-"No County Attorney shall be qualified to be a Member of the Council of the Corporation."

Sect 66 amended.

11. The first paragraph of the sixty-sixth section of the said Act is hereby repealed and the following substituted in lieu thereof:-" The 40 Council of every City shall consist of the Mayor who shall be the Head thereof, and of one Alderman and one Councilman for every Ward."

Public Act.

12. This Act shall be a Public Act, and applicable only to Upper Canada.