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BILL.

An Act to authorize Cities and Towns to establish and maintain Public Libraries.

BE it enacted, &c.,

That any City or Town in this Province is hereby authorized and empowered to establish and maintain a Public Library within the same, with or without branches, for the use of the inhabitants thereof, and to provide suitable rooms therefor, under such regulations for the government of such Library as may from time to time be prescribed by a Board of five persons, to be named annually by the Municipal Authorities of such City or Town.

Any City or Town may establish a Public Library, &c.

II. Any City or Town may appropriate for the foundation and commencement of such Library as aforesaid, a sum not exceeding *five shillings* for each of its householders in the year next preceding that in which such appropriation shall be made, and may also appropriate annually, for the maintenance and increase of such Library, a sum not exceeding *one shilling and three pence* for each of its householders in the year next preceding that in which such appropriation shall be made.

What appropriation may be made therefor.

III. Any City or Town may receive, in its corporate capacity, and hold and manage any devise, bequest or donation for the establishment, increase or maintenance of a Public Library within the same.

Cities and Towns may take devises, &c. for Libraries.