

An Act to authorize the formation of Mutual Associations
against Fire and Storms, by the Local Municipalities
in Lower Canada.

HER Majesty, &c., enacts as follows :

I. Hereafter it shall be lawful for any local Municipality to form a Mutual Association and insure houses, buildings, moveables, cattle and harvested crops, and other property, against all damages by fire and storms, which
5 said damages shall be set forth and enumerated in a By-law of the local Municipality so forming itself into a Mutual Association.

Local municipalities may form mutual assurance associations.

II. To enable a local Municipality to form such Mutual Association, it shall be requisite that the said By-law be passed by the said local Municipality and ratified by a majority at least of the qualified municipal electors;
10 the said By-law shall fix the period of duration of the said Mutual Association.

Proceedings for its formation.

III. The By-law shall be published for the information of those liable to assessment at least one month before being submitted to the municipal electors, in a newspaper published within the District in which the local
15 Municipality shall be situate, and the said By-law shall also be posted up in at least four frequented places within the local Municipality, and each of the said publications and notifications shall contain a notice signed by the Clerk of the Municipality in the Council of which such By-law shall have originated, certifying that it is a true copy of the By-law to be sub-
20 mitted for the ratification or rejection of the municipal electors, and it shall be at the same time stated, that on a certain day and at a certain hour and place specified in the notice, which shall have been previously determined by the said Council, a general meeting of the qualified municipal electors of the local Municipality will be held for the purpose of taking the said
25 By-law into consideration, and ratifying or rejecting the same.

A by-law to be published one month previously.

IV. Upon the day and at the hour and place fixed by the said notice as aforesaid, the qualified municipal electors or such of them as shall be present at the meeting shall proceed to the consideration of the said By-law, and shall ratify or reject the same, and the Mayor of the local municipality,
30 or in his absence some other member of the Council of the Municipality to be chosen by the meeting, and in the absence of any such member, any other person present being an elector shall preside at the said meeting, and the Clerk of the Municipality shall act as Secretary, and it shall be the duty of the said Clerk to bring with him the Assessment Rolls of the
35 Municipality then in force or certified copies thereof; the only question to be decided at such meeting shall be whether the majority of the municipal

A meeting of the electors to take place to consider the said By-law.