

An Act respecting the Ottawa and Hull Fire Relief Fund.

WHEREAS it has been represented that on the twenty-sixth day of April last a great conflagration took place beginning in the city of Hull, province of Quebec, and extending into the city of Ottawa, and also several smaller fires in and about the said cities, causing a great loss of property and much distress in and about the said cities; that as the result of steps taken to obtain and distribute relief to the sufferers by the said fires the persons hereinafter named were appointed an Executive Committee to receive contributions and distribute relief; that a large amount of supplies and money has been contributed from different parts of the world; that the said supplies have been for the most part distributed, but that only a small portion of the money has been expended; that as questions have been raised and doubts expressed as to the powers, responsibilities and discretion of the said committee with respect to the said relief fund the said committee desires to be constituted a corporation with the powers necessary or proper to enable them to carry out the objects in view and to protect them in so doing; and whereas the work of distribution has to be done with respect to persons in the provinces of Ontario and Quebec, and the work of the said corporation will have to be done in each of the said provinces, and the creation of the said corporation is therefore a proper subject of legislation by the Parliament of Canada: Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:—

1. George H. Perley, John C. Browne, John Sweetland, Fred. Cook, H. K. Egan, Dennis Murphy, William Hutchison, M.P., N. A. Belcourt, M.P., C. Berkeley Powell, M.L.A., Alexander Lumsden, M.L.A., His Worship Mayor Payment, Alderman Enright, Alderman James Davidson, Alderman Foster and Alderman Champagne, all of the city of Ottawa; L. N. Champagne, M.P., C. B. Major, M.L.A., His Worship Mayor Barrette and Alderman Helmer, of the city of Hull; now constituting the said Executive Committee are incorporated under the name of "The Ottawa and Hull Fire Relief Fund," hereinafter called "the Corporation," with all powers incident to a corporation which may be necessary for the carrying out of the objects of this Act.

2. There shall vest in the Corporation the following property, that is to say:—

(a.) All unexpended moneys and undistributed goods contributed from any source and in any manner whatsoever for