

or she shall then be absent from his or her dwelling house, the said assessors shall leave notice, that such person must, within ten days from that time, give to the Clerks of the Peace, in the said City of Quebec, information of the number of horses, by him or her kept as aforesaid; and if any such person shall refuse to answer such question, and shall neglect within such time, to give the said information, then the assessors shall, from information, estimate the number of horses by him or her kept as aforesaid, and such estimate, shall be conclusive against every such person, unless such person shall prove, before one or more Justices, upon his or her oath, any overcharge in such estimate, in which case, such overcharge shall be deducted therefrom: and the said assessor may add thereto, any number omitted or concealed, that shall be discovered and proved before a Justice, and then make a true statement of the number of horses by any such person kept as aforesaid.