

An Act for the suppression of Intemperance.

WHEREAS the common traffic in Intoxicating Liquors and their use as a beverage are fruitful sources of crime and demoralization ; and whereas it is the first duty of Government to prevent those evils, as far as possible, and to protect the people against them ; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows :—

Preamble.

1. From and after the passing of this Act, it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to import into this Province, manufacture, buy, receive, barter, sell or dispose of in any way or for any purpose whatever, any Intoxicating Liquors, except as hereinafter provided.

Traffic in intoxicating liquors forbidden.

2. For the purposes of this Act, any liquor known as alcoholic, shall be deemed and taken to be intoxicating liquor, as well as any other liquor which does or may produce intoxication.

What shall be deemed such.

3. All liquor kept in violation of any provision of this Act shall be deemed and are hereby declared to be a public nuisance.

Keeping liquor a nuisance.

AGENTS FOR SELLING.

4. The Council of every Municipality in Canada (except Counties) shall appoint a suitable person or persons, as the Agent or Agents of said Municipality, for the purchase and sale of Intoxicating Liquor for Medicinal, Chemical and Mechanical purposes only, and wine for Sacramental purposes only.

Local Municipal Councils to appoint agents for sale of liquors for certain purposes only.

1. The Agents shall receive such compensation for their services as the Council appointing them may allow.

Provisions respecting such agents.

2. The Agents, in the purchase and sale of Intoxicating Liquors, shall conform to such rules and regulations not contrary to the provisions of this Act, as the Council from time to time prescribes for their guidance.

3. There shall be no more than two such Agents at the same time in any Township or Village Municipality, or in any ward of a Town or City.

4. No such Agency shall be kept in, or shall be connected with any tavern, store, grocery, druggist or apothecary shop, boarding or victualing house, saloon, oyster shop, or any place for dancing or gambling, or for using Intoxicating Liquors for chemical or mechanical purposes, nor in or connected with any house or place of permanent or casual entertainment, amusement or recreation, nor shall the owner or keeper of any such house or place be eligible to hold the office of such Agent.

5. Before entering upon his duties every such agent shall receive a license from the Council appointing him ; and such license shall authorize him, for not more than twelve months from the date of the license,