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[No. 109.

An Act for the prevention of Intemperance in this Province.

WHEREAS every measure of wise legislation should encourage what- Preamble.
ever tends to improve the morals, to prevent and punish abuses
detrimental to the good order of the State, to the peace and tranquillity of
families and the well-being of the citizens; whereas Intemperance is a
5 scourge to society, demoralizing the people, stupifying the mind and ruin-
ing individuals; and whereas it is urgent and necessary that some legisla-
tive provision should be adopted to repress that degrading vice: Be it
therefore enacted, &c., as follows:

I. No License for the sale of intoxicating beverages, and of spiri- Granting of
10 tuous or fermented Liquors, other than Licenses to hotel-keepers and store- Licenses a
keepers shall be granted, after the passing of this Act. limited.

II. Licenses to hotel-keepers and store-keepers shall be granted by the Licenses, by
Municipal Council of the Municipality, or by the Council of the City, Town, whom to be
15 or incorporated Borough, within the limits of which the hotel or store is in- granted.
tended to be kept and opened, where intoxicating beverages or spirituous
or fermented Liquors, are to be exposed or kept for sale, or sold, disposed
of, or given in exchange.

III. The Licenses to hotel-keepers and store-keepers, which the Councils Formalities
20 above-mentioned are hereby authorised to refuse, if they think proper, necessary for
shall only be granted upon the production of a recommendation to that procuring Li-
effect, signed by at least four Justices of the Peace, and four Officers of censes.
Militia, duly commissioned, residing in the Parish, Township, or Ward
in which the person applying for such License intends to open and keep
such hotel or shop; but it shall be further necessary, in order to obtain a
25 License as hotel-keeper, to produce a further recommendation, signed by
at least fifty electors residing in the Parish, Township or Ward in which
such hotel is intended to be opened.

IV. In case there shall not be four Justices of the Peace or four Officers Quorum of
30 of Militia residing in the said Parish, Township or Ward, then the said Justices or Mi-
recommendation must be signed by any number of Justices of the Peace litia Officers,
and Officers of Militia residing in the neighboring Parish, Township or how procured.
Ward, sufficient with those residing in the said Parish, Township or
Ward, to complete the number of four Justices of the Peace and four
Officers of Militia.

35 V. A separate license shall be necessary for every hotel or store kept by Separate Li-
the same person in the same Ward, Parish or Township, or in different cense for every
Wards, Parishes or Townships, and every such license shall contain a hotel or store.