

A SOCIAL STATUTE

—TO—

MITIGATE THE EVILS OF POVERTY.

CHAPTER I.

An Act to Mitigate the Evils of Poverty in a Provincial Act add, "And entitled the Supplementary Municipal Institutions' Act."]

Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons [in a Provincial Act—consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario], enacts as follows :

Whereas, it is expedient to mitigate, as far as possible, the evils of poverty.

[This Act shall be cited as the Supplementary Municipal Institutions' Act.]

I. It is hereby declared that, for that purpose, there shall be established a Department of Trades and Industries under the direction and management of the Minister thereof, who shall be a Minister of the Crown, and a member of the Privy Council. X.

INTERPRETATION.

II. For the purposes of this Act the words "greater municipality," and "greater council" shall mean the social department of the County Council, sitting as a social council; and the words "lesser municipality" and "lesser council" shall mean the social department of any lesser municipality or ward than a county, or city, or town, separated from the county, and its council sitting as a social council. The word

"city" shall include the word "city" where applicable.

QUALIFICATION.

III. The male members of the Social County, City, Town, Township and Ward Councils, respectively, shall be those who compose, from time to time, the respective councils under the Municipal Institutions' Act, subject to such amendments thereof as may be hereafter made.

IV. The female members of the Social County, City, Town, Township and Ward Councils shall be of the age of twenty-one years and upwards, be able to read and write, and shall possess a good moral character. No property qualification shall be required, nor shall marriage be a disability.

V. Conviction for immorality, dishonesty or any felony or misdemeanor shall, if so decided by a majority of the male and female members of the council, disqualify a male or female member thereof respectively from sitting or holding any office therein during the pleasure of the council, and their places may be filled by a new election or appointment, as may be required.

+ See Note on p. 20.