

## To the Counties Councils of the Province of Ontario :

### THE MEMORIAL OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE UNITED COUNTIES OF STORMONT, DUNDAS AND GLENGARRY.

That the losses by Fires in the rural districts of the Province have been very great during the last few years :

That very few of the sufferers have been insured, owing to ignorance, carelessness, want of faith or confidence in Insurance Companies, the high rates charged for Insurance, or the wants of facilities in many localities for Insurance :

That a remedy for this state of things is highly desirable, and in the opinion of this Council, if the Municipal Act were so amended as to confer upon each Township Council the power to insure isolated dwellings and farm buildings, within the limits of the Township, at a certain low rate (the value of such dwellings and outbuildings to be assessed yearly by the Assessors, and the amount so assessed placed in a column separate from the value of the land), very great security against loss by fire would be afforded to many who have now no such security or any kind of protection, and each Township, by judicious management, would add to its yearly revenue :

That, in the opinion of this Council, an Amendment to the Municipal Act, conferring such power on the Township Councils, should be sought from the Provincial Legislature at its next Session.

Your Memorialists, therefore, pray that your Honorable bodies may be pleased to co-operate with your Memorialists in memorializing the Legislature to pass an Act to enable the Municipal Corporation of Townships to become insurers of isolated risks on village and farm properties.

And as in duty bound, your Memorialists will ever pray.

*Council Room, Cornwall,*  
23rd June, 1871.