

An Act to enable Local Councils to raise money for assisting persons in certain cases to sow their land, and for other purposes.

**WHEREAS**, from the failure last year of the crops in many of the Townships of Lower Canada, many persons will not be able to procure seed, without assistance, and it is expedient to empower Local Municipal Councils, to raise money for their relief ;

5 Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows :

1. Notwithstanding any law in force in Lower Canada, the Council of any local Municipality may pass a By law, or By-laws, for raising money, not exceeding in the whole one thousand dollars, to be expended  
10 in the purchase of seed, and for the relief of persons suffering from the failure of the crops, and for no other purpose ; and the debentures issued under such By-laws shall be a charge on the Municipality.

2. Such by-law shall be in the form of Schedule A. to this Act.

3. It shall be lawful for any Council to pass a By-law for the purpose of obtaining a Loan on the Credit of the Consolidated Municipal Loan Fund for Lower Canada for the purposes of this Act, and it shall not be necessary to make the publications of such by-law nor to submit the same for the approval of the electors as required by the Act respecting the Consolidated Municipal Loan Fund. But nothing  
20 in this Act shall be construed as authorizing any issue on the credit of the said Consolidated Municipal Loan Fund beyond the sum now remaining undisposed of under the provisions of section eighty-seven of the above cited Act.

4. The Councils shall lend the money so borrowed, and may also lend  
25 any surplus Township funds in their possession, not otherwise appropriated, to the persons aforesaid, for the purposes aforesaid.

5. The Local Councils, if they deem it expedient, may purchase seed and deliver the same to the persons aforesaid, in the place of money.

30 6. The Council shall by By-law, declare the time within which such loan shall be repaid, and shall impose, levy and collect a special annual rate, over and above all other rates, against the estate, real and personal of the party borrowing, and all the rights and remedies shall apply thereto, which now or at any time hereafter shall apply to the collection of any other rate or tax upon such land, or the Council, if it see  
35 fit, make take other security, real or personal, for the payment of such loan.