

An Act to amend the Act respecting the investigation into
Accidents by Fire.

WHEREAS great expense in many cases is needlessly cast upon
Municipalities by investigations into accidents by Fire being
unnecessarily held; Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice
and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada,
enacts as follows :

Preamble.

I. In all cases, the party requiring any such investigation, shall
alone be responsible for the expenses of and attending such investiga-
tion.

Party requir-
ing it, to pay
the cost.

10 II. No Municipality shall be liable for any such expense unless the
investigation be required by an instrument under the hands and seals
of the Mayor or other head officer of the Municipality, and of at least
two other members of the Council thereof; and such requisition shall
not be given to charge any Municipal Corporation, unless there are
strong special and public reasons for granting the same.

When only a
Municipality
shall be liable

15 III. No expenses of or for an adjournment of any such Inquest
shall be chargeable against or payable by the party or Municipal
authorities calling for or requesting the investigation to be held, unless it
is clearly shown by the Coroner, and certified under his hand, why and
for what purpose an adjournment took place or became necessary in
20 his opinion: Provided, however, that no such certificate shall be final
when given, but shall be open to inquiry or dispute.

In what case
only costs of
an adjourn-
ment shall be
allowed.

IV This act shall ~~have effect~~ ^{be wholly} ~~to~~ ^{apply} ~~in~~ ^{to} ~~Canada~~ ^{Canada only}

It is at present not defined
by the Law who is to pay the
expenses of coroners &c.