

*centum* as aforesaid, on the whole capital then subscribed for, is then well and truly paid and placed in the hands of the said Directors for the time being, according to the stipulations and provisions of this Act; and the said proofs having been duly made as aforesaid, the said Company shall have full power and authority to grant or issue Policies of Assurance against fire in Quebec and elsewhere, according to the provisions of this Act, and to ask for, demand and receive for the same such premiums as may or shall have been agreed upon with the parties so insuring; and to do and perform or transact all and every other business in their said capacity of a Fire Assurance Company and of a body corporate and politic, not repugnant to the Laws of this Province or the express stipulations of this Act.

XVIII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that nothing herein-contained shall affect or be construed to affect, in any manner or way whatsoever, the rights of His Majesty, his heirs or successors, the Imperial Parliament, or any person or persons, or of any bodies politic or corporate, such only excepted as are herein-mentioned.

XIX. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that this Act shall be deemed a Public Act, and shall be judicially taken notice of as such by all Judges, Justices and other persons whatsoever, without being specially pleaded.