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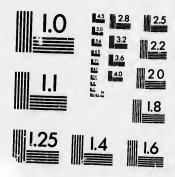
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## CAP. LXIV.

An Act for the construction of WATER WORKS in the City of Hamilton.

[ Assented to 19th June, 1856.]

WHEREAS the construction of Water Works and a supply of water would conduce to the health and comfort of the inhabitants of the the supply of Hamilton: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and supply of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as fol-

I. The persons hereafter to be elected in the manner provided for in this and their successors, shall constitute a Board, to be called and known the Water Commissioners for the City of Hamilton.

II. It shall be the duty of the said Commissioners to examine, consider a decide upon all matters relative to supplying the said City of Hamilton the audicient quantity of pure and wholesome water for the use of its habitants, and the amount of money necessary to effect that object.

III. The said Commissioners shall have power to employ engineers, suryors and such other persons as in their opinion may be necessary to enable on to fulfil their duties under this Act.

IV. It shall and may be lawful for the said Commissioners, their agents, nants and workmen, from time to time, and at such times hereafter as shall see fit, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to enter interest in the City of Hamilton, or within twenty miles of the said city, and to the city of the said water works, and also to divert and appropriate the purposes of the said Water Works, and also to divert and appropriate

any spring or stream of water thereon, as they shall judge suitable and proper, and to contract with the owners or occupiers of the said lands and those having an interest or right in the said water for the purchase thereof, or of any part thereof, or of any privilege that may be required for the purposes of the said Commissioners; and in case of any disagreement be tween the said Commissioners and the owners or occupiers of such lands, or any persons having an interest in the said water or the natural flow there of, or any such privilege as aforesaid, respecting the amount of purchase or value thereof, or as to the damages such appropriation shall cause to them or otherwise; or in case any such owner or occupier shall be an infant, married woman, or insane, or absent from this Province, or in case such lands or water privilege may be mortgaged or pledged to any person or persons, it shall and may be lawful for the Judge of the County Court of the County of Wentworth, on application being made to him, to nominate and appoint three indifferent persons as arbitrators, to award, determine, adjudge and order the respective sums of money which the said Commissionen shall pay to the respective persons entitled to receive the same, the award of the majority of whom shall be final; and the said arbitrators shall be and they are hereby required to attend at some convenient place, at or in the vicinity of the said city, to be appointed by the said Commissionen after eight days' notice given for that purpose, by the said Commissioner the proprietors, to then and there to arbitrate and award, adjudge and determine such matter to resaid: Provider and things as shall be submitted to their consideration by the parties inter to authorize the sested; and each arbitrater shall be sworn before some one of Her Majestyl athority to take for Justices of the Peace, in and for the said County of Wentworth, or the orchard, without the said city, any of whom may be required to attend the said meeting for that purpose, well and truly to assess the value or damages between the partial to the best of his judgment: Provided always, that any award under the Act shall be subject to be set aside on application to the Court of Queen Bench, in the same manner and on the same grounds as in ordinary one of arbitration, in which case a reference may be again made to arbitration of arbitration, in which case a reference may be again made to arbitration by water so that the as hereinbefore provided; and that any sum so awarded shall be paid with a first any person shall be paid with a first any per in three months from the date of award, or determination of any motion annul the same, and in default of such payment the proprietor may resun the possession of his property, and all his rights shall thereupon revive; as the award of a majority of the said arbitrators shall be binding on all pa ties concerned, subject as aforesaid.

V. The lands and water which shall be ascertained, set out, or appropriate, or a Magistra priated by the said Commissioners for the purposes thereof as aforesaid, said Court, by fine thereupon and for ever thereafter be vested in the Mayor, Alderman a ourt as in other mi Commonalty of the City of Hamilton, and their successors, and it shall a may be lawful for the said Commissioners, and their successors, to construe of the said Commissioners, and their successors, to construe of the said lands all such reservoirs, water works a machinery requisite for the said undertaking, and to convey the water of Commissioners to thereto and therefrom, in, upon, or through any of the grounds and to the judgment lying intermediate between the said reservoirs and water works, and the terials ought other springs, streams, rivers or lakes, from which the same are procured, and the springs in the said City of Hamilton, by one or more lines of pipes, as may from time and the said reservoirs and water works. time be found necessary; and for the better effecting the purposes aforesi VIII. The Comm

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VI. If any person shall wilfully or maliciously hinder or interrupt or cause in the partial procure to be hindered or interrupted, the said Commissioners or their managers, contractors, servants, agents or workmen, or any of them, in the recise of any of the powers and authorities in this Act authorized and obtained, or if any person shall wilfully or maliciously let off or discharge be paid with any water so that the same shall run waste or useless out of the said works, any motion to arbitration attended to the said water or water works, or in any way foul the same or omit any wilful damage or injury to the works, pipes, or water, or encourage the same to be done, every person offending in any of the cases aforestid shall, besides being subject to an action at law for the damages done hereby, be held guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof be-VI. If any person shall wilfully or maliciously hinder or interrupt or cause ereby, be held guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof bebreany of the Courts of Criminal Jurisdiction in the County of Wentout, or appropriate of the Courts of Criminal Jurisdiction in the County of Went-aforesaid, shall deform an amount of Court, by fine and imprisonment or either, at the discretion of the nd it shall ar

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VIII. The Commissioners shall keep regular books of account and books

for recording the whole of their official proceedings, and the said Commission. ers and the Clerks employed in their service shall be sworn to the faithful performance of their duties, and all such books shall be open to the examination of any person or persons appointed for that purpose by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Hamilton: The Commissioners shall also, on the thirtieth day of June and the thirty-first day of December in each and every year, make a report to the said the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Hamilton, of the condition of the works under their charge, accompanied by a statement of their receipts and expenditures on account of the same.

IX. The Board of Commissioners for the time being, shall regulate the distribution and use of the water in all places and for all purposes where the same may be required, and from time to time shall fix the prices for the use thereof, and the times of payment, and they may erect such number of public hydrants and in such places as they shall see fit, and direct in what manner and for what purposes the same shall be used, all which they may change at their discretion: Provided always, that all hydrants, conduits or other appliances required and furnished for the purpose of extinguish ment of fires shall be placed as the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Hamilton shall direct, and shall be under their exclusive control and direction.

X. The owner and occupier of any house, tenement or lot, shall each be liable for the payment of the price or rent fixed by the Commissioners for the use of the water by such occupier, and such price or rent so fived shall be a lien upon the said house, tenement or lot in the same way and manner as other taxes assessed on real estate in the said City of Hamilton are liens and shall be collected in like manner, if not previously paid to the Commissioners.

XI. A majority of the said Commissioners shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business allowed or required by the powers or duties of their commission, and all contracts and engagements, acts and doings of the said Commissioners within the scope of their duty or authority, shall be obligatory upon and be in law considered as done by the Meyor, Alderma and Commonalty of the City of Hamilton.

XII. The said Commissioners may prosecute or defend any actions or process at Law or in Equity by the name of the "Water Commissioners of the City of Hamilton," against any person or persons for money due for the use of the water, for the breach of any contract express or implied touching the execution or management of the works or the distribution of the water ord any promise or contract made to or with them, and also for any injury of trespass or nuisance done or suffered to the water courses, pipes, machinery, or any apparatus belonging to or connected with any part of the works, or for any improper use or waste of the water; and any vacancy or the filling any vacancy in the Board of Commissioners, either before or after any cause of action arises or suit is commenced, shall not change the right of the said Commissioners as a body to commence or maintain such action or process at the law or in Equity, but in all such cases they shall be considered from the time are each Ward in the of the organisation of the Board as a Corporation.

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XIII. The Commissioners and their officers shall have the like protection in the exercise of their respective offices and in the execution of their duties, as Justices of the Peace now have under the Laws of this Province.

XIV. For the purpose of constructing the said Water Works and paying the expenses attended thereon, it shall and may be lawful to and for the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Hamilton, and they are hereby required from time to time as the amounts may be required by the said Commissioners, to raise by loan upon the credit of the Debentures hereinafter mentioned, from any person or persons, body or bodies corporate, either in this Province, in Great Britain or clsewhere, who may be willing to lend the same, a sum of money not exceeding the sum of three handred thousand pounds of lawful money of Canada, and for the Mayor of the said City of Hamilton for the time being, to cause to be issued Debeatures or Bonds of the said City under the Corporation Seal, signed by the Mayor and countersigned by the Chamberlain of the said City for the time being, in such sums not exceeding in the whole the said sum of three hundred thousand pounds, authorized to be borrowed under this Act, as the Commissioners shall direct and appoint, and the principal sum secured by the said Debentures shall be payable within twenty years from the issuing thereof, and the interest accuring thereon shall be made payable semiannually, either in sterling or in currency in this Province, in Great Britain or elsewhere, as the said Council shall deem expedient or necessary.

XV. The said Water Works to be erected and constructed under this Act, and also the Land to be acquired for the purposes thereof, and every matter and thing therewith connected, shall be and they are hereby specially charged, pledged, mortgaged and hypothecated for the re-payment of any sum or sums which may be borrowed by the said Corporation for the purposes of this Act, as well as for the due and punctual payment of the interest there-upon, and all, each and every of the holders of the Debentures in the last previous section mentioned, shall have a concurrent pledge, mortgage, hypothec or privelege on the said Water Works and property appertaining thereto, for securing the payment of the said Debentures and the interest thereon.

XVI. The funds derived from the negociation of the Debentures to be issued under this Act, shall, when received, be deposited by the said Commissioners for the time being, in some one or more of the chartered Banks of this Province, on such conditions as the said Commissioners shall from time to time agree upon, and only be withdrawn therefrom as they may from time to time be required for the payment and discharge of the liabilities that may be incurred in carrying out the improvements contemplated by this Act, and every check for the withdrawal of any moneys shall be signed by the Chairman of the said Commissioners and also by the Mayor of the said City for the time being.

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dermen and Councillors, requiring the said Returning Officer to proceed to the election of one Water Commissioner for each Ward in the said City, in the same manner in all respects, and giving the same notices as are now required in case of Municipal Elections in the said City, and all persons authorized to vote at such Election for Aldermen and Councillors, shall be entitled to vote for the said Water Commissioner for his Ward, and not otherwise.

XVIII. The said Water Commissioners shall, at their first Meeting after their Election, determine by lot or otherwise the terms during which they shall respectively hold their offices, and these shall be as follows: one of them shall remain in office one year, one two years, one three years, one four year, and one five years, all to be computed from the first Monday in the month of January next preceding.

XIX. At the Municipal Election to be held in the said City in each year after the special Elections hereinbefore authorized to be held for the Election of the said Water Commissioners, there shall be elected in the same manner as the Alderman and Councillors are elected, and by the persons now authorized to vote at such Election, one Commissioner for the Ward in which a vacancy has occured by the retirement of the Commisssoner whose term of office has expired, who shall hold his office for five years next ensuing such election; and any vacancies that shall occur in the said Commission by death, resignation or otherwise, shall be filled by a person to be named by the Mayor, Alderman and Commonalty of the City of Hamilton, but the person or persons so appointed to fill such vacancy shall hold his or their offices only for the residue of the term for which he or they may be appointed.

XX. The Chairman of the said Commissioners and the said Commissioners shall be paid for their services as the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Hamilton shall annually fix, and shall also be paid all reasonable travelling expenses incurred while employed upon or about the works.

XXI. This Act shall be deemed and taken as a Public Act.

