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HER Majesty, &c., enacts as follows:—

Preamble.

1. The Council of any section of the Bar of Lower Canada may by By-Law, proposed at one meeting and sanctioned at another meeting of such Council, impose and levy a Tax not exceeding *eight dollars* per annum, on every Barrister, Advocate, Proctor, Solicitor or Attorney, practising in any of the Courts of Justice within the District or Districts of such Section, for the purpose of creating a Fund to be called the "*Lower Canada Law Reports Fund*," and in such By-Law may impose the penalty of suspension from practising, in case of default to pay the Tax thereby imposed.

Councils of Sections of the Bar may impose a tax for Reports.

2. It shall be lawful for the Council of such Section of the Bar of Lower Canada, to appoint one or more fit and proper persons to Report the decisions of the Courts of Justice in Lower Canada, and to fix the salaries of such Reporters, which shall not in any case exceed the sum of \$600 for each of them.

And appoint and pay Reporters.

3. The Council of such Section may from time to time make By-Laws to regulate the mode, time and form of publishing such Reports, and make all necessary arrangements with the Reporters or others, for the publication of the same.

And regulate publication, &c.

4. The person or persons appointed as Reporters, shall report all decisions rendered by the Superior Court and by the Court of Queen's Bench, whether in Civil or Criminal matters, within the District or Districts of such Section, whereby questions of Law or Practice may have been decided, and may also report the decisions of any other of the Courts in Canada and of the Privy Council, which may be deemed of public interest.

What decisions shall be reported.

5. It shall be lawful for the Councils of two or more Sections of the Bar of Lower Canada, to make such agreement and arrangement for the joint publication of the Reports of the decisions of the Courts of their respective Sections as they may think fit, and all the foregoing provisions shall apply to such joint publication.

Two or more Sections may unite for the said purpose.

6. The salaries of the Reporters and other expenses attending the publication of the Reports, will be paid out of the said Law Reports Fund and out of any other Funds at the disposal of the Council of the Section.

Payment of expenses.