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No. 31.

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4th Session, 8th Parliament, 29th Victoria, 1865.

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**BILL.**

**An Act to amend the Act respecting the  
Building and repairing of Churches, Par-  
sonage Houses, and Church Yards.**

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[No 45 of 1865—1st Session.]

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**Mr. JOSEPH DUFRESNE.**

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**QUEBEC :**  
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An Act to amend the Acts respecting the building and repairing of Churches, Parsonage Houses, and Church Yards.

**WHEREAS**, it is expedient to amend the law respecting the building and repairing of Churches, Parsonage Houses and Church Yards, and to make better provision for the payment of debts which may remain due on buildings taken possession of by Fabriques: Therefore, Her Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

Section seven of the Act passed in the twenty-seventh year of Her Majesty's Reign intituled: An Act to amend the Act respecting the erection and division of Parishes, and the building and repairing of Churches, Parsonage Houses, and Church Yards and Fabrique Meetings is hereby repealed, and the following is substituted therefor, and shall be read in lieu thereof:

“7. When a *Fabrique* shall have taken possession of a Church, Sacristy, Parsonage House, or Public Hall, and any one of such buildings shall have been erected or repaired before or after the civil erection of the parish, and moneys shall remain due to the builder or contractor of such building, or to the party who shall have lent or advanced moneys to defray the expenses of erection or repairs, in whole or in part, or to both of them, and the said *Fabrique*, having applied such building to the purpose for which it was erected or repaired, have ascertained the impossibility of paying such debt by means of the revenues at its disposal, such *Fabrique* may, after an authorization to that effect given by a meeting of the parish regularly called, apply to the Commissioners in order that the Church-wardens in office may be authorized to levy upon the Catholic freeholders of the Parish, the sum required for the payment of the said debts, and the said Church-wardens, shall, in relation thereto, observe all that is prescribed by the twenty-second section of chapter eighteen of the Consolidated Statutes for Lower Canada; Provided always that the said Church-wardens, with the consent of the said Commissioners, may exempt those of the said freeholders who shall have contributed towards the said erection or repairs, by voluntary subscriptions, from a portion or from the whole of the said assessment, according to the amount so paid by the said freeholders, deducting therefrom any amount which may have been repaid to them.”

Preamble

New Section  
in lieu of Sec.  
7 of 27 Vic.,  
cap. 10.Assessment to  
pay debt due  
on property  
of Fabriques.