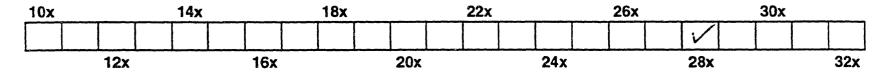
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An Act to authorize the formation of Parish Mutual Fire Assurance Associations in Lower Canada.

THEREAS it would be highly advantageous and desirable that Preamble. the Parishes of Lower Canada should be empowered to form a Mutual Assurance Association, for the purpose of affording mutual assistance to each other in case of the destruction by fire of houses 5 and buildings erected in the country parts only, and without the limits of the Towns and Villages forming parishes, and that a legal existence should be secured to the said Association; Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows:

I. The Parishes of Lower Canada at present in existence, and all Incorporation 10 other Parishes to be hereafter erected, which by vintue of the provisions tual Assurof this Act and of the By-laws of the said Association, shall form part ance Associathereof, shall be and they are hereby constituted a body politic and tions. corporate, under the name of "The Parish Mutual Assurance Assocition of Lower Canada," and under that name the said Association

15 shall have perpetual succession, and all other the ordinary rights and privileges of Corporations: Provided always, that nothing in this Act Proviso. contained shall have the effect of obliging any Parish to form part of the said Association, but each Parish may under this Act be constituted an Association separately, and in such case it shall be called the 0 "Mutual Assurance Association of the Parish of _____."

II. Such Association shall not be composed of the less number than Associations twenty persons; and any such number of persons or more, after having laws. given public notice at the door of the Parish Church on two consecutive Sundays, and in one newspaper, during one month previous, may 5 hold a public meeting, at which the President, the Vice-President, the

- Directors, the Treasurer, and the Secretary shall be chosen and appointed, and such Association when so formed, shall have power to make such rules and regulations as they shall deem necessary for the good working and proper administration thereof, and from time to time
- 0 to repeal, alter, and amend the same : Provided always, that the said Proviso. rules and regulations shall not be inconsistent with the laws, customs, and usages in force in this Province, and that they shall be made at a special public meeting assembled for that purpose, in the ordinary manner; And provided also, that the said Association shall be bound Proviso.
- 5 to hold public meetings on the first Tuesdays of the months of January and July in each year, and that such Association shall render an account of its affairs annually at the meeting in the month of July.

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No risk to be accepted on any but rural property.

III. It shall not be lawful for any such Association to assure or accept any risk on houses and buildings other than dwelling houses, barns, stables, cow-houses, and other buildings for the use of farms, situate and being in the country parts only, and without the limits of all towns and villages; and it shall not be lawful for any such Association to effect any assurance whatsoever, on any building whatsoever situate in the towns and villages.

Proportion to IV. In the event of any loss by fire, every person assured shall only be contributed contribute to the amount of the said loss, in proportion to the amount in case of loss for which he shall be assured in such Association.

V. Each such Parish Mutual Assurance Association shall have an Office of Association, Office, in a central situation in its own locality; Provided always, that where to be so soon as the said Association shall have selected a place in the said held. locality for holding their office, they shall give public notice thereof, Proviso. Notice of by advertising the same four times in the English and French lan-15 place of office. guages in the Canada Gazette or some other official Gazette newspaper, and should the said Association after such notice remove their office to another place, they shall also give notice thereof in the same manner; and the service of any legal or other document at the office of the Service of process. Association to which such document shall relate shall be held to be 20 valid and effectual to all intents and purposes whatsoever.

Public Act.

VI. This Act shall be a public Act.