

Acts of the General Assembly of His Majesty's Province of New-Brunswick passed in the year 1821. Fredericton, NB: George K. Lugin, Printer to the King's Most Excellent Majesty, 1821.

2 George IV – Chapter 2

An Act for the better extinguishing Fires which may happen in the Towns of Fredericton and Saint Andrews. Passed the 20th of March, 1821.

Whereas the Inhabitants of the Towns of Fredericton and Saint Andrews, respectively, have supplied for the use of the said several Towns, two fire engines and various tools and instruments for extinguishing fires: And whereas it is necessary that a sufficient number of skilful persons be appointed to have the care, management, and working of the said engines and tools and instruments, or any others which may from time to time be provided: And whereas suitable persons cannot be procured to perform the arduous duties of Firemen, without some encouragement—

I. Be it therefore erected by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council, and Assembly, That the Firewards of the said Towns of Fredericton and Saint Andrews, respectively, shall, at any meeting to be for that purpose holden in each of the said Towns, nominate and appoint, by warrants under their hands and seals, or under the hands and seals of the major part then present, a sufficient number of able and discreet men, willing to accept, (not exceeding twenty in number for each engine, being Inhabitants of the said Towns or their vicinities, respectively) to have the care, management, and working of the said engines, tools, and instruments for extinguishing fires which may happen within the same, and to remove and displace ail or any of them from time to time, and to nominate and appoint others in their stead, and to fill up any vacancies which may happen at any time by death, or removal, or otherwise; and that the names of the said persons so appointed, shall, from time to time as the appointments shall be made, be registered with the Clerks of the Peace of the Counties of York and Charlotte, respectively, upon the certificate of the said Firewards, and be called the Firemen of Fredericton or Saint Andrews, as the case may be, and are hereby enjoined and required to be ready at a call by night as well as by day, to manage, work any use the same engines, tools, any instruments for extinguishing fires which happen to break out within the places to which they respectively belong.

II. And be it further enacted, That it may and shall be lawful for the Firewards for the time being, of the said Towns respectively, at any meeting to be holden at which the major part shall be present, to make and establish such rules, orders, and regulations, in respect of the government, conduct, duty, and behaviour of the said Firemen, in the working, managing, exercising, trying, and using the same engines, tools, and instruments, and to impose and establish such reasonable fines and penalties upon them, or any of them, for default or neglect of the duties and services thereby to be enjoined or required from there, as the said Firewards, or the major part of them present, met as aforesaid, shall from time to time think meet, so that the fine or penalty shall not exceed, in any one instance, the sum of forty shillings; which rules, orders, and regulations, shall be notified to the said Firemen, by putting the same up at the fire-engine houses, and inserting the same in the newspapers, if any there be printed in the said Towns respectively.

III. Be it further enacted, That the said fines and penalties shall from time to time be recovered before any one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said Counties of York and Charlotte respectively, on the oath of a credible witness, and levied with costs, by distress and sale of the goods and chattels of the delinquent; and when recovered, be paid into the hands of the Overseers of the Poor, towards the support thereof.

IV. Be it further enacted, That the Firemen within the respective Towns of Fredericton and Saint Andrews aforesaid, and each and every of them, from time to time, during their continuance in the office of Firemen, and no longer, shall be, and they are hereby declared to be freed, exempted, and privileged from the several offices of Constable and Surveyors of Highways, and from serving on any Juries in the General Sessions of the Peace and Inferior Courts of Common Pleas, in the said Counties respectively.

V. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall continue and be in force for five years, and thence to the end of the then next Session of the General Assembly.