

Acts of the General Assembly of Her Majesty's Province of New-Brunswick passed in the year 1852. Fredericton, NB: John Simpson, Printer to the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, 1852.

15 Victoria – Chapter 16

An Act to provide for the erection of a Building for a Registry Office in the City and County of Saint John. Passed 18th February 1852.

Be it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly, as follows:—

1. The Justices of the Peace of the City and County of Saint John, at any General Sessions, or any Special Sessions for such purpose to be called, shall by themselves or by any Committee for that purpose appointed, provide, and if necessary, contract and agree with any person or persons for the purchase of a lot or piece of land in the City of Saint John, and for the erection of a suitable Building of stone or brick thereon, with a proper safe, and the same shall be used for the keeping and preserving the Records, Books and Papers of the Registry Office of the said City and County; and any contract for this purpose may be entered into by the name of “The Justices of the Peace for the City and County of Saint John,” and may be enforced by the said Justices at law or equity by the name aforesaid.

2. For the purpose of defraying the charges and expences of the same, the Justices at the same or any other General Sessions or Special Sessions to be called for that purpose, may order or direct from time to time a sum or sums of money to be borrowed, not exceeding eleven hundred pounds, to be paid and discharged in the manner hereinafter mentioned, the same to be taken in loans of not less than one hundred pounds each, the interest to be paid semi-annually, namely, on the first days of January and July in each year, and that Debentures in the following form, or to the same effect, shall be prepared and delivered to the persons from whom such loan may be obtained, namely:—

Number_____.

Registry Office Debenture.

City and County of Saint John, to wit:

These are to certify that [here insert the name, residence and addition of lender] hath lent and advanced to the Justices of the Peace for the said City and County, the sum of _____ pounds currency, which sum is payable to him or his order, together with lawful interest, the interest to be paid half yearly on the first days of January and July in each and every year, pursuant to an Act of Assembly passed in the fifteenth year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled *An Act to provide for the erection of a Building for a Registry Office in the City and County of Saint John.*

Dated the ____ day of _____ A. D. 185__.

By Order of the Sessions.

G. W., Clerk of the Peace.

A. B., Mayor or Recorder.

Which same Debentures shall be signed by the Mayor of the City, or in his absence, by the Recorder, and countersigned by the Clerk of the Peace, and shall be respectively and consecutively numbered according to the time at which the same may be made and signed, and a

memorandum thereof shall be duly entered by the Clerk in the minutes of the Court; and the same shall be negotiable as promissory notes, and be entitled to draw interest thereon half yearly on the first days of January and July in each and every year, and shall be paid out of the assessment hereinafter mentioned.

3. The Justices in General Sessions shall make a rate or assessment of a sum not exceeding two hundred pounds the present year, and of a like sum in each succeeding year, besides the charges for assessing and collecting, for the purpose of discharging the interest due on the said loans, and so much of the principal as the residue of such annual sum will amount to, until the same shall be paid off; the same to be assessed, levied, collected and paid in such proportion and in the same manner as any other County Rates for public charges, by virtue of any Act or Acts made or to be made for that purpose.

4. The money so to be assessed as aforesaid, shall be paid to the County Treasurer, and shall be applied by him, on the orders of the said Justices in Session, towards discharging the interest due on the said Debentures, and to the payment of the principal sums in due order according to the numbers, beginning with the number one, on one calendar month's notice by advertisement in one of the City newspapers, calling in such and so many of the said Debentures as he may by the said order be directed to pay off, after the expiration of which notice all interest thereon shall cease.

5. The County Treasurer shall be entitled to one per cent, for his services in receiving and paying the said money to be assessed under this Act, and no more.

6. The Act passed in the ninth year of Her present Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act to provide for the safe keeping of the Public Records of the City and County of Saint John*, be and the same is hereby repealed.