

*Acts of the General Assembly of Her Majesty's Province of New-Brunswick passed in the year 1853.* Fredericton, NB: John Simpson, Printer to the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, 1853.

16 Victoria – Chapter 8

**An Act relating to the Fire Police of the City of Saint John. Passed 14th April 1853.**

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

1. The Fire Policemen of the City of Saint John, in addition to the powers given them by the seventh section of an Act made and passed in the thirteenth year of Her present Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act for the better extinguishing of Fires which may happen in the City of Saint John*, shall also have full power and authority, of the breaking out of fire within the City, to order and direct persons present form lines for the passing of water or otherwise, as may be necessary, and to prevent any persons interfering with such lines, and to prevent persons passing through or across any street, alley, or highway, in the vicinity of the fire, and to keep persons at a proper distance therefrom, and to give orders and directions as to the employment of the people present, for the purpose of extinguishing the fire, or preserving property, or protecting the engines, hose, and other fire apparatus, and for such purposes to extend chains or ropes along, through or across such streets, alleys or highways; and any person obstructing or opposing, or assaulting a Fire Policeman in the discharge of his duty, or using violent, abusive or insulting language to a Fire Policeman, shall forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding ten pounds, to be recovered before the Police Magistrate of the City, in the same manner and to the same effect as any other pecuniary penalty may be recovered before such Magistrate.
2. If any person shall at any time or place whatsoever, wantonly or maliciously spoil, break, injure, damage, or render useless any engine, or any of the hose, materials or apparatus belonging to the engines, or used for the purposes of the Fire Department, he shall be guilty of felony.