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An Act for the appointment of Commissioners of Sewerage and Water Supply for that part of the City of Saint John lying on the Eastern side of the Harbour, and the Parish of Portland. Passed 3rd November 1854.

Section.

1. Commissioners, their appointment;
2. Duty - Employment of engineers - Plans and estimates - Record;
3. Bargain for works of St John Water Company,
- 4 Ascertain means of a further supply of Water;

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5. Also, improved sewerage and water supply
6. Report to Governor in Council.
7. Accounts of expenses including Commissioners' fees.
8. Amount to be assessed in certain proportions.

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

1. It shall be lawful for the Governor in Council to appoint three discreet and proper persons to the Commissioners for the purposes of this Act.
2. It shall be the duty of such Commissioners to employ competent Engineers, and to procure plans, and to make an estimate of the most approved method and probable cost of making and laying down sufficient Sewers for that part of the City of Saint John lying on the eastern side of the Harbour, and such part or district of the Parish of Portland as in their opinion shall require the same, which part or district they shall define by marked lines upon the plan of the said Parish to be procured by them, or by a written description to be made and filed by them in the Office of the Common Clerk of the said City.
3. The said Commissioners shall ascertain and report to the Governor in Council, whether and upon what terms the Saint John Water Company will dispose of the whole or any and what part of the property, works, and revenues of the said Company, for the purpose of further supplying that part of the City of Saint John lying on the eastern side of the Harbour, and the said part or district of the Parish of Portland, with water.
4. In case the said Saint John Water Company shall agree to dispose of the property, works, and revenues of the said Company, upon such terms as shall be approved of by the said Commissioners, it shall be the duty of the said Commissioners to employ competent Engineers, and to procure plans, and to make an estimate of the expense of procuring a further and sufficient supply of water for the use of that part of the said City of Saint John lying on the eastern side of the Harbour, and of the said district in the said Parish of Portland, as well with reference to the present inhabitants thereof as to the probable increase of population, specifying particularly in such plans

and estimates the mode of procuring any additional supply which may be required from time to time beyond that at present in use.

5. The said Commissioners shall also procure information as to the best means of carrying into effect an improved system of Sewerage and Water supply for that part of the said City and said district in the said Parish of Portland aforesaid, and prepare a Bill founded thereon, to be laid before the Legislature at the next Session.

6. It shall be the duty of the said Commissioners, as early as conveniently may be, after procuring the necessary information upon the matters aforesaid, to make a Report thereon to the Governor in Council, and to have the same printed and distributed for general information.

7. The said Commissioners shall make up and submit to the General Sessions of the Peace to be held for the City and County of Saint John in March next, an account of all expenses incurred by them in carrying out this Act; in which expenses shall be included the fees of the said Commissioners at the rate of twenty shillings each per day for every day on which they shall be employed in the performance of their duties such account to be verified by the oath of the said Commissioners, to be sworn before a Justice of the Peace of the said City and County.

8. The said Justices shall direct the amount of the said account to be assessed, levied, and collected upon that part of the City of Saint John lying on the eastern side of the Harbour, and the Parish of Portland, and the inhabitants thereof respectively, in the same manner as other rates and taxes are assessed, levied, and collected, in the proportion of seven eighths thereof on that part of the City of Saint John lying on the eastern side of the Harbour, and one eighth thereof on the Parish of Portland, the same, when collected, to be paid to the said Commissioners; provided always, that the amount so assessed shall not exceed the sum of five hundred pounds.