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**An Act to guard against accidents by Fire in this Province.**

Whereas the inhabitants of the province of Upper-Canada, are liable to receive great injuries from accidental fires that may happen therein, Be it therefore enacted by the kings most excellent majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the legislative Council and assembly of the province of Upper-Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an act passed in the parliament of Great-Britain, entitled an act to repeal certain parts of an act passed in the fourteenth year of his majesty's reign, entitled "An act for making more effectual provision for the government of the province of Quebec in North America, and to make further provision for the government of the said province," and by the authority of the same, that from and after the first day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, it shall and may be lawful for the magistrates of each and every district in this province, in quarter sessions assembled, to make such orders and regulations for the prevention of accidental fires within the same as to them shall seem meet and necessary, and to appoint firemen or other officers for the prevention of accidental fires, or for the purpose of extinguishing the same when such may happen, and to make such orders and regulations, as to them may seem fit or necessary, in any town or towns or other place or places in each district within this province, where there may be forty store-houses and dwelling houses within the space of half a mile square.