

I. All the Assessments made in Upper Canada during the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, shall be and are hereby declared to be legal and binding, notwithstanding the Assessors did not complete the same or the Assessments Rolls, or make their returns, within the time fixed by the Statute in that behalf; and the taxes and rates imposed by the Councils of the Municipalities wherein such default or errors have occurred, shall be collected as if the said Assessments and returns had been made and completed according to law.

Assessments for 1854 in Upper Canada confirmed.

II. The twenty-fourth Section of the Statute of this Province passed in the sixteenth year of Her Majesty's Reign, chapter one hundred and eighty-two, shall be, and the same is hereby amended, and the time limited thereby for the completion of Assessments and return of the Assessments Rolls, shall be extended to the first day of May in each year, instead of the fifteenth day of April as thereby limited.

Time allowed by section 24, of 16 V. c. 182, extended.

III. In any case when a Collector of any Municipality may have heretofore failed or omitted, or may hereafter fail or omit to collect the taxes mentioned in his Collection Roll, or any portion thereof, by the fourteenth day of December, or by such other day in the year for which he may have been or may hereafter be Collector, as may have been or may hereafter be appointed by the Municipal Council of the County, it shall and may be lawful for the Council of such Municipality to authorize and empower by Resolution the said Collector or any other person in his stead to continue the levy and collection of such unpaid taxes in the manner and with the powers provided for by law for the general levy and collection of taxes; Provided always that nothing herein contained shall be held to alter or affect the duty of the Collector to return his Collection Roll, or to invalidate or otherwise affect the liability of the said Collector or his sureties in any manner whatsoever.

Another person may be employed to collect taxes which the Collector does not collect by a certain day.

Proviso.

## C A P . X X I I .

An Act to amend the Upper Canada Joint Stock Pier, Wharf, Dry-dock, and Harbour Company Act.

[Assented to 18th December, 1854.]

**F**OR the better protection of the rights of Shareholders in the Companies formed under the Act hereinafter mentioned—Be it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and intituled, *An Act to re-write the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the Government of Canada*, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, as follows :

Preamble.

I.

Section 4 of  
16 V. c. 124,  
amended.

Proviso to the  
said section:  
Shareholders  
to have one  
vote for each  
Share.

I. That the fourth section of the Statute of this Province passed in the sixteenth year of Her Majesty's Reign, chapter one hundred and twenty-four, intituled, *An Act to provide for the formation of Joint Stock Companies for the construction of Piers, Wharves, Dry Docks and Harbours*, shall be amended by adding to the same the following words:

“ And provided further that at any election of Directors of any such Company as is therein referred to, after the formation thereof, each Stockholder shall be entitled to one vote for every share of Stock he may hold or be possessed of in any such Company, and upon which such Stockholder shall not be in arrear for or upon any call in respect thereof; and that any person being a Stockholder having paid all calls made, shall be eligible as a Director.”

### C A P. XXIII.

An Act to erect the Town of Bytown into a City under the name of the *City of Ottawa*.

[Assented to 18th December, 1854.]

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS the Mayor and Corporation of the Town of Bytown, have in behalf of the inhabitants thereof, expressed their desire that the said Town should be erected into a City, to be called the *City of Ottawa*; And whereas from the great and rapidly increasing population and commercial importance of the said Town, it is desirable to comply with their request: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and intituled, *An Act to re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the Government of Canada*, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, as follows:

Bytown to become the City of Ottawa, and when.

How bounded.

Division into five Wards.

I. Upon, from and after the first Monday in January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, the Town of Bytown shall be a City, and shall be called and known as the *City of Ottawa*, and the first Municipal Election therein as a City shall take place on the said day; and the said *City of Ottawa* shall be bounded in the manner set forth as regards the Town of Bytown in the Schedule B to the Upper Canada Municipal Corporations Act of 1849.

II. The said *City of Ottawa* shall be and is hereby divided into five Wards, viz: That portion of the City lying easterly from the Rideau Canal shall constitute three Wards, and the portion of the City lying westerly from the Rideau Canal shall constitute two Wards, which latter two Wards shall be divided by the centre of Wellington street, George street, Victoria Terrace