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Laws of Her Majesty's Province of Upper Canada, passed in the year 1849. Montreal: Stewart Derbishire & George Desbarats, 1849.

12 Victoria – Chapter 36

An Act to exempt Firemen, after a certain number of years' service as such, from Militia and other duties. 30th May, 1849.

Whereas it is expedient to encourage the formation of efficient companies of Firemen by rewarding those members who have served regularly for several years: 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 pf 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, 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, That when any member of any Company of Firemen, which is or may be regularly enrolled in any City, Town or place in which the formation of Companies of Firemen is by law authorized and regulated, has regularly and faithfully served for the space and term of seven consecutive years in the same, the said member shall be entitled to receive, upon producing due proof of his having served seven consecutive years as aforesaid, a certificate from the Clerk of the Peace of the District in which he resides, or the Clerk of the Corporate Body or Board of Police under whose authority the said Company shall have been established, that lie has been regularly enrolled and served as a member of the said Fire Company for the space of seven years; which certificate shall exempt the individual named therein from Militia duty in time of peace, from serving as a constable, and from all Parish and Town offices; any law, custom or usage to the contrary notwithstanding: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to exempt any such Fireman from serving as a juryman.