

Laws of Her Majesty's Province of United Canada, passed in the year 1851. Quebec: Stewart Derbyshire and George Desbarts, 1852.

16 Victoria – Chapter 35

An Act to enlarge and extend the powers granted by the Act 12 Vict., chap 81, so as to enable the Municipal Council of the Township of Stamford, to make Bylaws for the better government of that part of the said Township, which lies in the immediate vicinity of the Falls of Niagara. 10th November, 1852.

Whereas the rapid increase in the number of visitors at the Falls of Niagara, demands more stringent provisions than now by law exist in respect to licensing the owners of horses, carriages, and hackney coaches kept for hire, and of runners and other persons soliciting visitors to resort to taverns or public places, or acting as guides to the objects of curiosity in the vicinity thereof, and for compelling the prompt payment of their lawful charges therefor, and generally for the better government of the said vicinity; And whereas there is reason to believe that the Upper Canada Municipal Corporations Act of one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine does not confer upon the Municipal Corporation within whose jurisdiction the said Falls of Niagara are situate, the requisite powers to make such rules and regulations as now are or may be from time to time required for the purposes aforesaid; And whereas it is desirable that such powers should be possessed by the said Corporation: 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, That it shall be lawful for the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Stamford, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, in addition to the powers which they now by law possess, from time to time to make, repeal, alter and enforce By-laws, rules and regulations, to take and have effect only within such limits within such Township as they shall from time to time prescribe, for the several purposes following, that is to say:

1. To prohibit any person or persons from soliciting passengers, visitors, or others to resort or go to any inn, tavern, or boarding house, museum, or other place of resort, without having first obtained from the said Corporation a license therefor.
2. To prohibit all persons from acting as guides within such limits as aforesaid, unless a license therefor shall in like manner be taken out for that purpose.
3. To regulate and license the owners of livery stables, horses, cabs, hackney coaches, omnibuses, carts, and other carriages and vehicles used for hire within such limits as aforesaid, and to compel in a summary way the prompt payment of the lawful price or hire to the owner or driver of such horses, cabs, hackney coaches, omnibuses, carts and other , carriages by the parties hiring or using the same, according to such tariff as may be established from time to time by the said

Corporation, and to prevent runners, stage drivers and others, in the streets or public places, from soliciting and teasing passengers and others to go or travel in any boat, vessel, stage, carriage or other vehicle; also to require all persons licensed by the said Corporation to exhibit, when called upon, a certified copy of the tariff of charges for their remuneration prescribed by the said Corporation.

4. Generally to make, alter and repeal all such other rules, regulations and by-laws for the welfare and good government of the said Municipality, within the limits so to be prescribed as aforesaid, as the said Corporation shall from time to time deem expedient; such by-laws not being repugnant to the laws of the said Province.

5. To grant all such licenses and to make all such by-laws and regulations as maybe necessary and proper for carrying into execution the powers herein vested or hereafter to be vested in the Corporation of the said Township: Provided always, that no person shall be subject to be fined more than Five Pounds, exclusive of costs, or to be imprisoned more than twenty days, for the breach of any By-law or regulation of the said Corporation made in pursuance of this Act.

II. And be it enacted, That the moneys to be raised from the granting of the said licenses shall be expended under the direction of the said Municipal Corporation within the limits so to be prescribed as aforesaid, in repairing the roads and making such other improvements as the said Municipal Council may consider advisable.