

Laws of Her Majesty's Province of United Canada, passed in the year 1854. Quebec: Stewart Derbyshire and George Desbarts, 1854.

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An Act to amend the Act incorporating the Mutual Assurance Associations of the *Fabriques* of the Dioceses of Quebec and Three-Rivers, and of Montreal and St. Hyacinthe. Assented to 18th December, 1854.

Whereas the Mutual Assurance Association of the *Fabriques* of Montreal and St. Hyacinthe have prayed for amendments to the Act passed in the sixteenth year of Her Majesty's Reign, and intituled, *An Act to incorporate the Mutual Assurance Associations of the Fabriques of the Dioceses of Quebec and of Three-Rivers, and of Montreal and St. Hyacinthe*, and it is expedient to grant the said prayer: 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:

- I. That whenever the said Mutual Assurance Association of the *Fabriques* of Montreal and St. Hyacinthe shall find it necessary to ascertain any loss occasioned by fire, the Board of the said Association, established in conformity with the provisions of the first above cited Act, shall, provided a rule or regulation to the effect shall have been made by them, have power to refer to experts the claim of the parties who shall have suffered loss by such fire, and the said Board and any party interested as aforesaid, and every such *expert*, shall be authorized to obtain the deposition upon oath of any witness whom they may think capable of giving information respecting such fire and the loss suffered thereby.
- II. Any of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace, may and he is hereby authorized and required to swear any such *expert* or witness whenever he shall be called upon to do so.
- III. This Act shall be a Public Act.