



CHAPTER 65

An Act to amend the Fire Prevention Act

[Assented to, the 15th of March, 1928]

HIS MAJESTY, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of Quebec, enacts as follows:

1. Section 3 of the Fire Prevention Act (Revised Statutes, 1925, chapter 180), as amended by the acts 16 George V, chapter 14, section 51, and 17 George V, chapter 53, section 1, is replaced by the following:

“3. It shall also be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to appoint an assistant commissioner, a civil engineer and such other employees as may be deemed necessary for the carrying out of this act, and to provide for their remuneration.”

2. Section 4 of the said act, as amended by the act 17 George V, chapter 53, section 2, is again amended by inserting therein, after the first paragraph thereof, the following paragraph:

“The commissioner and his office staff shall form part of the inside civil service and shall receive the remuneration fixed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.”

3. The said act is amended by adding thereto, after section 6a, as enacted by the act 17 George V, chapter 53, section 3, the following section:

“6b. If the Minister of Public Works and Labour authorizes him in writing so to do, the commissioner may, in his investigations, have the depositions of the witnesses taken in shorthand.”

R. S., c. 180, s. 10, re-placed.

4. Section 10 of the said act is replaced by the following:

Duties of the commissioner.

"10. It shall be the duty of the commissioner:

1. To inspect the municipalities of the Province applying for aid from the Government for the establishing of fire protection systems, after such application has been approved by the Minister, with a view to ascertaining the local conditions in order to suggest means to be taken to prevent fires; to supervise the carrying out of the accepted plans, and to see to the adoption of preventive by-laws;

2. To inspect or cause to be inspected the installations made with Government aid, and to see that the fire fighting apparatus be kept in good working condition;

3. To compile statistics on the causes and circumstances of the fires occurring in the Province."

R. S., c. 180, s. 11, am.

5. Section 11 of the said act is amended by replacing the words: "village or to town municipalities with a population of less than two thousand souls, or to rural municipalities", in the fourth, fifth and sixth lines thereof, by the words: "town municipalities with a population of less than five thousand souls and to village or rural municipalities".

Id., s. 13a, added.

6. The said act is amended by inserting therein, after section 13 thereof, the following section:

Report by fire insurance companies.

"13a. Every fire insurance company doing business in the Province shall furnish, at the end of each month, to the Provincial Fire Commissioner, from the 1st of July, 1928, on special forms supplied therefor, a report on every fire occurring in the Province, in which the company is interested as insurer, indicating, in each case, the name of the insured, his address, the situation of the property or risk insured, the value of the building, the value of its contents, the amount of insurance in force and amount of the loss. Such report shall be addressed to the Provincial Fire Commissioner within the first fifteen days of each month." *

Coming into force.

7. This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction.

* SEE CHAPTER 66 HEREAFTER.