

Id., 3850, am. **10.** Article 3850 of the said statutes is amended by replacing the word "child" in the first line by the word "boy."

Coming into force. **11.** This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction.

## CHAP. 38

An Act for the prevention of fires.

[Assented to 21st December, 1912]

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

R. S. 3822a-n added. **1.** The following subsection and articles are inserted in the Revised Statutes, 1909, after subsection seventh of section third of chapter second of title seventh.

### "§ 8.—*The prevention of fires.*"

Provincial Fire Commissioner **"3822a.** It shall be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to appoint for the Province, an officer called "The Provincial Fire Commissioner".

Assistants of commissioner. **"3822b.** It shall also be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to appoint such other subordinate officers as he may think necessary, to assist the commissioner in the performance of his duties, and to provide for their remuneration.

What department to have authority. Salaries, &c. **"3822c.** The commissioner and the other officers shall be subject to the authority of the department of Public Works and Labour.  
All salaries and expenses necessary for the carrying out of this subsection, shall be payable out of the consolidated revenue fund of the Province.

Inquiries into fires. **"3822d.** It shall be the duty of the commissioner whenever required so to do by the Minister of Public Works and Labour, to hold an inquiry into every fire which has destroyed, wholly or in part, any building, forest, or property.

Powers of commissioner. **"3822e.** The commissioner shall have, *ex-officio*, all the powers, authority and jurisdiction of a judge of the sessions, of a recorder, or of a coroner, for all purposes relating to the inquiry.

Summoning of witnesses. He shall have power to summon to appear before him all persons whom he thinks able to give him information or evi-

dence respecting the object of his inquiry, and also of issuing warrants of arrest.

Articles 3811 to 3820, shall apply to this subsection, *mutatis mutandis*. Law applicable.

**"3822f.** The same powers may also be entrusted by the Minister of Public Works and Labour to any other officer belonging to this service. Minister of Public Works and Labour.

**"3822g.** The commissioner and his officers, in the performance of their duties, may enter any building or other property in which there has been a fire, as well as all neighboring buildings and properties. Entry into buildings.

**"3822h.** The commissioner and officers, any chief of a fire brigade in a city, town or village, and the mayor in any place where there is no fire brigade, may enter any building, and if they find that the state of the building or of the effects therein, is dangerous, they may order whatever they may think necessary to cause such danger to disappear, and if the owner of such building or effects does not forthwith obey such orders, he shall be liable to a fine or penalty of not more than ten dollars for each day he is so in default. Id., by chief of fire brigades, &c.

**"3822i.** It shall be the duty of the commissioner to visit the said municipalities, and to inspect their fire extinguishing apparatus and their fire brigades, and to report to the Minister of Public Works and Labour and to the municipal authorities as to the condition thereof, and to aid such authorities with his advice. Visiting of municipalities, &c.

**"3822j.** It shall be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to devote annually a sum of not more than ten thousand dollars out of the consolidated revenue fund of the Province, to the giving of premiums to village municipalities which supply themselves with efficient fire extinguishing apparatus to the satisfaction of the commissioner." Premiums to municipalities.

**"3822k.** The fire commissioner shall, before the first day of June of every year, and whenever required so to do by the Minister of Public Works and Labour, make a detailed report of his operations." Reports by commissioner.

**3822l.** To assist in defraying the expenses of the service created by this sub-section, there shall be imposed on all fire insurance companies doing business in the Province, an annual tax of one-fourth of one per cent, on the aggregate amount of the gross premiums or assessments collected by each of them in the Province. Tax on fire insurance companies.

The said tax shall be payable to the Provincial Treasurer before the first day of July of each year, including the current fiscal year, and shall be based on the annual report which each Tax when payable, &c.

insurance company is bound to furnish in virtue of articles 1350, 6979 or 6980, as the case may be.

Certificate of Prov. Treas. The certificate of the Provincial Treasurer is final as to the amount to be paid by each company in virtue of this article.

Powers of certain fire commissioners, &c. “**3822m.** The fire commissioners appointed for the cities of Quebec and Montreal, and for the town of Lévis, shall have, within the limits of their respective jurisdiction, the powers granted to the Provincial Fire Commissioner appointed in virtue of this subsection, and the cities of Quebec and Montreal and the town of Lévis, shall remain subject to the jurisdiction of the commissioners appointed for their municipal territory, as provided by articles 3806 to 3822 both inclusive.”

Cities of Quebec and Montreal, &c. “**3822n.** The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may, when he thinks proper, put the cities of Quebec and Montreal, and the town of Lévis, or any or either of them, under the jurisdiction of the Provincial Fire Commissioner, or extend the jurisdiction of the fire commissioner of Quebec or Montreal to any other part of the Province.

Coming into force. **2.** This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction.

## CHAP. 39

An Act to amend the Revised Statutes, 1909, respecting Juvenile Delinquents.

[Assented to 21st December, 1912]

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

R. S. 4021, am. **1.** Article 4021 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is amended by adding the following paragraph:

Powers of judge. “In every territory subject to the jurisdiction of a Juvenile Delinquents’ Court the powers granted by this section to two justices of the peace, to a magistrate, to a coroner, to the sheriff or to the prothonotary of the district shall be exercised by the judge of the Juvenile Delinquents’ Court.”

Id., 4031, replaced. **2.** Article 4031 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is replaced by the following:

Bringing certain children before justices of peace, &c. “**4031.** Any rate-payer of a municipality may cause to be brought before two justices of the peace or a magistrate, or a coroner, or the sheriff or the prothonotary of the district, any