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An act to provide for the safety and protection of the public, in theatres, public edifices or halls.

[Assented to 28th December, 1876.]

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows:

1. By-laws shall, from time to time, be made and approved by the Lieutenant-Governor in council for the safety and protection of the public, in theatres, edifices or halls in which public meetings are held for amusement, public lectures or any performances whatever, concerning the mode of constructing such theatres, edifices or halls, the materials to be employed, and generally whatever may assure the security and facilitate the saving of the public, in the event of a panic, fire or other accident whatever. By-laws for safety, approved by Lieut.-Gov. in Council.
2. Any by-law made by virtue of the preceding section may be amended or replaced by another made in the same manner, or may be solely revoked by an order in council. Amendment or revocation of by-laws.
3. The by-laws made under the authority of the two preceding sections, shall be, together with the orders in council approving of them, published in the *Quebec Official Gazette*, and shall come into the force of law as forming part of this act, on the day fixed by the order in council approving of the same. Publication and coming of by-laws into force.
4. It shall be the duty of every proprietor, tenant or person in possession of a theatre, edifice or hall mentioned in the first section of this act, to comply with the provisions of each and every such by-law in force, and to have a certificate to that effect from the commissioner of public works or other officer specially appointed by him, establishing the fact that the regulations prescribed have been followed and executed. Duties of tenants of edifices, etc. Certificate required.
5. It will be lawful for the commissioner of public works to annul any certificate already given, if he thinks proper, after inspection of the premises, by himself or by an officer of his department. Annulling of certificate.
6. No proprietor, tenant or possessor of a theatre edifice or hall mentioned in the first section of this act, shall allow or permit any public meeting in such theatre, edifice or hall, nor give or permit to be given or held any Penalty for using building without certificate.

public lecture or performance whatever, unless he holds a certificate required by the fourth section, under a penalty of (1) dollars, for each such meeting, lecture or performance so held, given or permitted.

Recovery of fines.

7. The fines imposed by this act shall be levied, in the municipalities or cities within whose limits they may have been incurred, in the same manner and with the same effect, as those imposed for infractions of the by-laws of the council of such municipalities or cities respectively.

Closing of theatres, &c., without certificate.

8. The commissioner of public works may compel the proprietor, tenant or possessor of any theatre, edifice or meeting hall, who is required to have the certificate prescribed by this act, to shut up such theatre, edifice or hall, during the time he shall be without such certificate.

An order thus given may be executed, at any time, by the provincial or municipal police, either by preventing the public from entering the theatre, edifice or hall, or by causing the place to be cleared if a meeting has taken place.

Act in force.

9. This act shall come into force on the day of the sanction thereof.

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An act to amend "An act to provide for the safety and protection of the public, in theatres, public edifices or halls," passed during the present session.

[Assented to 28th December, 1876.]

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enact as follows :

40 Vict., c. 10, s. 6, amended.

1. Section 6 of the act of this session, intituled "An act to provide for the safety and protection of the public, in theatres, public edifices or halls," is amended by adding after the words : " under penalty of a fine of, " the words : " one hundred. "

Act in force.

2. The present act shall come into force on the day of the sanction thereof.

(1) See 4. Vict. Cap. 20.