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CHAPTER 235.

An Act to regulate the means of Egress from Public Buildings.

HIS MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows:—

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as *The Egress from Public Buildings Act*.

Doors of public buildings to open outwards.

2. In every church, school, house, hall or other building heretofore or hereafter constructed or used for holding public meetings, or as a place of public resort or amusement, every outer door and every door leading from the assembly hall or room or school rooms shall be so hinged that it may open freely outwards, and every gate of an outer fence if not so hinged shall be kept open by proper fastenings during the time such building is publicly used, to facilitate the egress of people, in case of alarm from fire or other cause. 1 Geo. V. c. 72, s. 1.

Liability of ecclesiastical or other bodies with corporate powers.

3. Every congregation or society possessing corporate powers, and every trustee, incumbent, churchwarden or other person holding churches, schools or buildings used for churches or schools shall be severally liable, as trustees for such societies, congregations or schools, to the provisions of this Act. 1 Geo. V. c. 72, s. 2.

Penalty.

4.—(1) Any person owning, possessing or managing a public hall, school, house, church or other building used for public meetings who contravenes the provisions of this Act, or any of them, or the regulations made hereunder, or any of them, shall incur a penalty not exceeding \$50 recoverable before any two justices of the peace or before the mayor or police magistrate of any city or town.

Further penalty for delay.

(2) If the necessary changes are not made, the person offending shall incur a further penalty of \$5 for every week succeeding that in which the information is laid.

Application of penalty.

(3) One moiety of the penalty shall be paid to the person laying the information and the other moiety to the corporation of the municipality within which the offence is committed. 1 Geo. V. c. 72, s. 3.

Recovery of penalty.
Rev. Stat. c. 90.

(4) The penalty shall be recoverable under *The Ontario Summary Convictions Act*.

5. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may make regulations for the enforcement of this Act and the safety and convenience of persons assembled in buildings within the provisions of this Act. 1 Geo. V. c. 72, s. 4.

Regulations
by Lieutenant-
Governor in
Council.