

## CHAPTER XV.

## BUILDING REGULATIONS.

*Notices regarding Erection, etc. of Buildings.*

**253.** (1) Every person who shall intend to erect a building shall give to the Commissioner notice of his said intention in the form prescribed in the by-laws and containing all such information as may be required to be furnished under the by-laws.

Notice to be given to Commissioner of intention to erect building.

(2) Every such notice shall be signed in the manner prescribed in the by-laws and shall be accompanied by such documents and plans as may be so prescribed.

(3) In this Chapter the expression “to erect a building” means—

(a) newly to erect a building on any site whether previously built upon or not,

(b) to re-erect—

(i) any building of which more than one-half of the cubical contents of the building above the level of the plinth have been pulled down, burnt, or destroyed,

(ii) any masonry building of which more than three-fourths of the superficial area of the external walls above the level of the plinth has been pulled down, or

(iii) any frame building of which more than three quarters of the number of the posts or beams in the external walls have been pulled down,

(c) to convert into a dwelling house any building or part of a building not originally constructed for human habitation or, if originally so constructed, appropriated for any other purchase,

(d) to convert into more than one dwelling house a building originally constructed as one dwelling house only,

(e) to convert by any structural alteration into a place of religious worship or into a sacred building any place or building not originally meant or constructed for such purpose,

(f) to roof or cover an open space between walls or buildings as regards the structure which is formed by roofing or covering such space,

(g) to convert by a structural alteration two or more tenements in a building into a greater or lesser number,

(h) to make any structural alteration in a building so as to affect its drainage or sanitary arrangements or its stability,

(i) to convert into a stall, shop, warehouse or godown any building not originally constructed for use as such, or

(j) to construct in a wall adjoining any street or land not vested in the owner of the wall, a door opening on such street or land,

and each of the above operations shall be deemed to be the erection of new building for the purposes of this Chapter.