

BILL.

No. 12.]

[1861.

An Act to declare that Parishes and Townships, canonically erected, shall enjoy the benefits and advantages of the Lower Canada Municipal Act of 1860.

WHEREAS the erection, division, or sub-division of Parishes in Lower Canada is effected by canonical decree, and whereas the unrestricted exercise of this right is one of the foundations of our religious and social Institutions in Lower Canada, and whereas the Lower Canada Municipal Act of 1860, undermines this principle at its base,

Preamble.

Therefore Her Majesty enacts as follows :

I. Whenever a parish, or part of a parish, is canonically erected within the limits of a Seignory or Township, such parish, or part of a parish, shall enjoy all the rights and privileges of the Lower Canada Municipal Act of 1860, and also of any other Municipal Act, hereafter to be passed.

Municipal Act of 1860 to extend to certain parishes.

II. Any parish, or part of a parish, so canonically erected, shall retain the name which shall have been given to it by the Canonical Decree.

Such parishes to retain their canonical names:

III. Any part of a parish or township, which is annexed to another parish, shall take the canonical name, and shall enjoy all the rights and privileges of the parish, for the advantage of which such annexation has been effected.

In case of annexation of one parish to another.

IV. The word "Parish" in the Municipal Act before cited, shall signify, and shall be deemed always to have signified any territory erected either canonically or civilly.

Signification of word "Parish."

V. This Act applies to Lower Canada only.

Application of Act.