



ANNO DECIMO-NONO ET VICESIMO

VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

CAP. CXL.

An Act to change the Constitution of the Legislative Council by rendering the same Elective.

Reserved for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure 16th May, 1856.

The Royal Assent given by Her Majesty in Council on the 24th June, 1856 ;
and Proclamation thereof made by His Excellency Sir EDMUND WALKER
HEAD, Governor General, in the Canada Gazette of the 14th July, 1856.

WHEREAS by an Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom passed in the seventeenth and eighteenth years of the Reign of Her Most Gracious Majesty, chaptered one hundred and eighteen "to empower the Legislature of Canada "to alter the Constitution of the Legislative Council for that "Province, and for other purposes," it is enacted, That the Legislature of this Province may change the Constitution of the Legislative Council of the said Province, and make other provisions relative to the same subject and to other subjects therein mentioned : Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows :

Preamble.

Imperial Act,
17 & 18 V.
c. 118.

I. The Legislative Council shall hereafter be composed of the present Members thereof, and of forty-eight Members to be elected, in the proportion and at the times and in the manner hereinafter provided ; and to this end, the Province shall be divided into forty-eight Electoral Divisions, twenty-four in Upper Canada and twenty-four in Lower Canada, in the manner set forth in Schedule A.

How the Legislative Council shall be constituted hereafter.

II. The present Councillors shall continue to hold their seats as heretofore, subject to the conditions contained in the Imperial Act of the third and fourth Victoria, chapter thirty-five, "to re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada and for "the Government of Canada."

Present Councillors continued.

III. The Elective Members shall be elected for eight years.

Term of service of E. C.

IV.