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 CHATHAM, THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 1877.
Incorporation of Chatham.

The Committee appointed at the Public Meeting held in Masonic Hall on 8th Dec. last, to prepare a bill of Incorporation for Chatham, have attended to the duty entrusted to them and submit the following for the information of the Ratepayers thereof. The Committee have summarised some sections and only briefly referred to others, giving their import. The sections published below contain all the essential features of the proposed bill, but the full text will be laid before a meeting of Ratepayers, which is appointed to be held in Masonic Hall on Monday evening next, commencing at 7 o'clock.

1. That from and after the passing of this Act all the inhabitants of that part of the Parish of Chatham in the County of Northumberland which is bounded as follows:—Westerly by the road running from the Queen's Highway to the Rapid known as the Bacon Road, and its extension Northerly to the middle of the Miramichi River, Northerly by the middle of the Miramichi River, Easterly by the Westerly side line of Lot No. 30, known as the Peter Taylor lot, and the prolongation thereof to said Northerly boundary, and Southerly by the rear line of the First Concession of Lots—shall be a City to be incorporated by the name of the City of Chatham and shall have perpetual succession and a common seal, with power to borrow, renew and alter the same at pleasure, and shall be capable in law of suing and being sued, and purchasing and holding lands and tenements for the use of said inhabitants, and of making and entering into such contracts and agreements as may be necessary for the exercise of their corporate functions, and to do and execute every other matter or thing incidental to such Corporation, subject to the provisions hereinafter mentioned.

2. That the said City of Chatham shall be and is hereby divided into four Wards, viz., Ward No. 1, Ward No. 2, Ward No. 3, and Ward No. 4, to be severally bounded as follows:—Ward No. 1—Northerly, Westerly and Southerly by the city boundary; Easterly by the centre of Saint John Street leading to the centre of Duke Street to the centre of Water Street, thence along Water Street to the Southeast angle of Mrs. Sophia Benson's land now occupied by F. J. Letson, Esq., thence along the Westerly side of the said land, and a prolongation thereof to the Northerly boundary of the City.
 Ward No. 2—Westerly by Ward No. 1; Southerly by the rear line of the City; Northerly by the Northern boundary of the city, and Easterly by the centre of Henderson Street, and its prolongation to the northern and southern boundaries of the City.
 Ward No. 3—Westerly by the street No. 2, Easterly by the centre of the street running from Pleasant Street to the Wellington Road, and its prolongations to the northerly and southerly boundaries of the City, and Northerly and Southerly by the northerly and southerly boundaries of the City, respectively.
 Ward No. 4—Westerly by Ward No. 3; Northerly by the north boundary of the City; Easterly by the easterly boundary of the City, and southerly by the South boundary of the City.

3. The administration of the fiscal, prudential and municipal affairs, and the whole local government of the said City of Chatham, shall be vested in one principal officer, who shall be Mayor of the said City, and in eight other persons, two of whom shall be elected for each Ward as hereinafter provided, and who shall be styled Councillors of the City of Chatham, and shall be resident within the same, and the said Mayor and Councillors shall constitute the City Council; and all bye-laws, ordinances, rules and regulations made by the said Council shall be subject to the approval of the Council, and shall be binding on all persons who are subject to the jurisdiction of the City of Chatham, and shall be enforceable as if they had been made by the Council of the City of Chatham, and shall be enforceable as if they had been made by the Council of the City of Chatham, and shall be enforceable as if they had been made by the Council of the City of Chatham.

4. The said Mayor and each one of the said Councillors shall, during his or her continuance in office, be and be deemed to be Justices of the Peace in and for the said City of Northumberland, and shall have, use, exercise and enjoy in and out of Session the same rights, powers and authorities, privileges and immunities respectively, as if he or they had been commissioned a Justice or Justices of the Peace; provided that no person shall be disqualified for election or appointment as a Councillor or Mayor by reason of his or her already being by the commission of the Peace for the said County, or being after any such election or appointment commissioned, nor shall the City Council in their choice aforesaid be limited or excluded from choosing any such person.

5. No person shall at any time be qualified to be elected as Mayor or Councillor for the said City unless at the time of his election he be resident within the same, of the full age of twenty-one years, and shall have been assessed in the assessment next preceding the election for real estate, within the said City, to the value of six hundred dollars or upwards, and shall have paid, before the time of such election, all rates and taxes legally due from him within the said City.

6. At the first elections under this Act for Mayor and Councillors, no person shall be qualified to vote unless he be a Ratepayer of the full age of twenty-one years, and whose name appears on the Assessment List of the district incorporated by this Act, as having been assessed the previous year on real or personal property, or income of the value of one hundred dollars; and at every subsequent election, all persons who are rate payers of the full age of twenty-one years, who shall have resided within the City for the period of one year, and be assessed on real estate, personal property or income therein to the value of one hundred dollars, and non-residents who shall have been assessed for real estate within said City of the value of one hundred dollars

or upwards, shall be qualified to vote, subject however always to the challenge set forth in the twenty second Section of this Act, as to identity with the persons named in the said assessment list of voters, and as to having voted in any other Ward in such election.

7. This section sets forth the duties of assessors who like the other officers of the city are to be appointed by the Council. The Section is a transcript of the corresponding Section in the St. Stephen Incorporation Act.

8. This section provides that persons holding any office of emolument under the Council or interested in any contract or employment therewith, or accountable for the Town revenue, shall not be qualified for election as Mayor or Councillors during the time they shall continue to be in that position. It also disqualifies persons employed in any way in holding public office for city elections from being themselves elected.

9. [Provides that vacancies shall be filled by new elections.]
 10. [Makes provisions of a class similar to those dealt with by the preceding Section.]
 11. The first election for a Mayor or Councillors, for said City, after the passing of this Act, shall be held on the second Monday in June in the present year, and the annual election for a Mayor or Councillors in all succeeding years, shall be held on the second Monday in January in each and every year.

12. Public notice of the time and place for holding every such election respectively shall be given by the Clerk, by publishing such notice in one or more of the public newspapers printed in said City, and by printed handbills in the several Wards, for not less than ten days previous to such election, provided always, that the election for the City Mayor and Councillors, in the several Wards, shall be held on the same day.

13. [Sections 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, relate to nomination of and voting for Mayor and Councillors, provided that voting shall be by ballot &c.]
 22. No person shall be allowed to vote at any election for Mayor or Councillor unless his name shall appear in the list of voters for the Ward in which he claims or claims to, and if required by the officer or person holding such election, or by any person qualified to vote at such election, shall make oath, or being a Quaker, shall make affirmation before the officer or person holding such election, in the form following, that is to say:—"I, A. B., do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I am of the full age of twenty-one years, and that I am the person named in the registry of voters for this Ward, and that I have not previously voted in any Ward at this election. So help me God."—Which oath or affirmation the officer or person holding such election is hereby authorized to administer, and in every case where the elector shall have sworn as aforesaid, the presiding officer shall note in his poll book that such elector had sworn, or had affirmed.

23. At the election for Mayor or Councillors every elector shall vote in the Ward in which he is registered, and where, and non-residents shall vote in the Ward, in which their property lies; but no person shall vote at any one election in more than one Ward; any non-resident having property in more than one Ward, may notify the Clerk of the Ward in which he desires to vote, and the Clerk shall enter his name in the list for that Ward.

24. Sections 24 and 25 provide that officers holding elections shall for the time, be Peace officers, with power to commit disorderly persons, etc.; and for the formalities through which Mayors and Councillors elect should go before entering upon the duties of their office.
 26. Section 26 provides that should a person be elected as Councillor in two Wards, he may choose the one for which he will serve.
 27. Sections 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, and 36 relate to the organization and proceedings of Council.
 27. At the first meeting of the Council after every annual election, or at any subsequent meeting, the said Council, if they see fit, may nominate and appoint from time to time for the said City, a Clerk, an Auditor, a City Treasurer, four Assessors, a Marshal, a Clerk of the Market, what may Constables, Surveyors of roads, Collectors of rates, Pound keepers, Wharfingers, Hogrevers, Fence viewers, Surveyors of wood or bark, or such other officers as may be found necessary, according to the true intent and meaning of this Act, or any by-law to define the duties of such officers and their respective terms of office, which, except in the cases of the Clerk and Treasurer, shall not be longer than one year, unless they be re-appointed; and the Council may also remove or displace any of the said officers and appoint others in their stead, and impose penalties for non-performance of duties, or other misdoings of such officers, and to cause such penalties to be levied and recovered by distress, or otherwise, as such Council may think fit; provided that no person shall be capable of acting in any office to which he may be appointed by the Council, until he shall have been sworn or have affirmed before the Mayor, that he will diligently, faithfully, and impartially, and to the best of his ability, discharge the several duties appertaining to the office to which he has been appointed, so long as he shall hold the same.
 28. No person shall be capable of acting as Clerk, Wharfinger, Collector of rates, or in any other office or capacity connected with the revenues or any part thereof, until he shall have entered into a bond to the said Corporation, with two sureties to be approved by the Council in such form and for such penal sum as the Mayor may approve, or any bye law may provide, conditioned to account for and pay over to the Treasurer all moneys received by him on behalf of the said City, and provided also, that the Treasurer before entering on the duties of his office shall enter into a bond to the said Corporation, with two or more sureties to be approved by the Council, in a sum to be fixed by said Council, conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of his office.
 29. The Treasurer of said City shall receive all rates, taxes, assessments, fines, penalties, interest, or other moneys payable (Continued on next page.)