

not being within an incorporated county, and may annex the new county to any adjacent incorporated county ; or in case there is no adjacent incorporated county, or in case the Lieutenant-Governor in Council considers the new county, or any number of such new counties lying adjacent to one another, and not belonging to any incorporated union, so situated that the inhabitants cannot conveniently be united with the inhabitants of an adjoining incorporated county for municipal purposes, the Lieutenant-Governor may, by the proclamation, erect the new county, or new adjacent counties, into an independent county or union of counties for the said purposes, and the proclamation shall name the new county or counties. 46 V. c. 18, s. 35.

NOTE.—New townships not within the limits of an incorporated county may be formed into a new county, and such new county may be annexed to an adjacent incorporated county.

**36.** In every union of counties, the county in which the county court house and gaol are situate shall be the senior county, and the other county or counties of the union shall be the junior county or counties thereof. 46 V. c. 18, 36.

**37.** During the union of counties, all laws applicable to counties (except as to representation in Parliament or the Legislative Assembly, and registration of titles) shall apply to the union as if the same formed but one county. 46 V. c. 18, s. 37.

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#### PROVISIONAL COUNTY CORPORATIONS.

**38.** Where the census returns, taken under a statute or under the authority of a by-law of the council of any united counties, show that the junior county of the union contains 17,000 inhabitants, or more, then if a majority of the reeves and deputy-reeves of such county do, in the month of February, pass a resolution affirming the expediency of the county being separated from the union ; and if, in the month of February in the following year, a majority of the reeves and deputy-reeves transmit to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council a petition for the separation, and if the Lieutenant-Governor deems the circumstance of the junior county such as to call for a separate establishment of Courts and other county institutions, he may, by proclamation setting forth those facts, constitute the reeves and deputy-reeves in that