BILL.

An Act to provide better for the freedom of
Elections throughout this Province, and
for other purposes therein mentioned.

WHEREAS the practice of having but
one Polling Place at Elections of Members
of Parliament, which prevailed in both Upper
and Lower Canada, previous to the passing
of the Act of the Imperial Parliament for
the Union of those Provinces, and which, by
the provisions of that Act is continued as
the law of the land in this Province at this
day, has proved to be of danger to the pub-
lic peace, and is moreover in large Counties
and Ridings attended with much inconveni-
ence to the Electors generally ; And where-
as it is expedient to provide against such
evils und to afford every reasonable facility
and convenience to the electors for giving
their votes ; And whereas it is expedient to
limit the time for holding Elections, and
generally to provide more effectually for the
freedom of Elections, and the holding and
conducting the same ; Be it therefore enac-
ted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty,
by and with the advice and consent of the
Legislative Council and of the Legislative
Assembly of the Province of Canada, consti-
tuted and assembled by virtue of and under
the authority of an Act passed in the Parlia-
ment of the United Kingdom of Great Bri-
tain and Ireland, intituled " *An Act to Re-*
" *unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower*
" *Canada, and for the Government of Cana-*
" *da ;*"and it is hereby enacted by the autho-
rity of the same, that all laws in force in this
Province or any part thereof, relating to the
manner of holding and conducting Elections
for Members to represent the people of this
Province in the Provincial Parliament, in so
far as their provisions are at variance with
or repugnant to this Act, shall be and the
same are hereby repealed.

Preamble.

*All Laws re-
pugnant to or
inconsistent
with this Act
repealed.*

II. And be it enacted, that hereafter at
every Election for a Member or Members to
represent any County, Riding, City, Town or
Borough in the Provincial Parliament of this

*When a Poll is
demanded, it
shall be held
in each Sub-di-
vision of the*