

parcels, the first containing the names of all the Members of the Legislative Council who at the time of their appointment as such were residents of Lower Canada, the second containing the names of those who at the time of their appointment were residents of Upper Canada, the third containing the names of all the Electoral Districts in Lower Canada, and the fourth containing those of all the Electoral Districts in Upper Canada; he shall then cause the tickets in each parcel to be folded as nearly as possible in the same form and shape, and so that the writing thereon cannot be seen, and shall cause each parcel of tickets to be put into one of the said boxes and shaken; the Clerk of the said Legislative Council shall then openly draw out the tickets from the first and second parcels alternately one by one, shaking the box before drawing each ticket, opening each ticket as it is drawn and recording the name found thereon; and shall in like manner proceed with respect to the third and fourth parcels; and the order in which the names on the first and second parcel of tickets respectively shall be so drawn and recorded, shall be the order in which the present Members of the Legislative Council shall vacate their seats, and the order in which the names in the third and fourth parcels shall be drawn and recorded, shall be the order in which the several Electoral Districts shall become entitled to return Members to represent them in the Legislative Council and to have elections held in them for that purpose; excepting always the case of a dissolution of the said Legislative Council, by which the seats of all the Members thereof shall be vacated and a Member shall be elected for every Electoral District.

Exception in cases of dissolution.

XXV. Copies of the Lists of Members and of Electoral Districts in the order in which they shall be drawn and recorded under the next preceding Section, shall be certified by the Speaker of the Legislative Council and transmitted by him to the Governor of the said Province, who shall thereupon and without further notice, have full authority to issue Writs of Election at the proper times and for the proper Electoral Districts according to the provisions hereinafter made.

Copies of lists to be transmitted to the Governor, and Writs to issue.

XXVI. As soon as copies of the said Lists of Members and of Electoral Districts shall have been transmitted to the Governor of the said Province under the next preceding section, Writs of Election may be issued for the Election of twenty Members of the said Council in and for those twenty of the Electoral Districts which stand first in the certified list of the said Districts; and at the expiration of two years from the return of the first of such Writs, (or if the two years should expire during a Session of the Provincial Parliament then at the close of such Session) one half of the present Members of the Legislative Council, consisting of those whose names shall stand above those of the other Members in the List certified to the Governor as aforesaid, shall vacate their seats, and Writs of Election may be issued for the Election of Members of the Legislative

Twenty Members to be first elected.

Twenty more at the end of two years.