

CAP. CLII.

An Act to enlarge the Representation of the People of this Province in Parliament.

[Assented to 14th June, 1853.]

WHEREAS the increasing population of this Province, and the necessity of providing for its growing wants and the developement of its resources, render it imperative to enlarge the Representation of the People thereof in the Legislative Assembly, and to apportion that representation more fairly, and with this view—to alter the limits of certain Counties and other Electoral divisions—to divide certain Counties into Ridings—to erect certain other Counties—and to adopt other Legislative provisions in the behalf aforesaid: Be it therefore enacted 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, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and intituled, *An Act to re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the Government of Canada*, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That from and after the end of this present Provincial Parliament, the Counties, Ridings, Cities and Towns and Unions of Counties hereinafter mentioned, shall be the subdivisions of the Province upon which the Representation of the People thereof shall be based and regulated in the manner hereinafter prescribed, and such subdivisions shall, in so far as they may differ from those now existing for like purposes, be substituted for them as regards Elections of Members of the said Assembly and all Acts, Laws and provisions of Law now in force and thereunto relating and all matters therewith connected: That is to say:

Preamble.

Counties, Ridings, Cities and Towns hereinafter mentioned to be those on which Representation shall be based after the end of the present Parliament.

LOWER CANADA.

1. The County of Gaspé shall be bounded on the south-west by a line commencing at Mackarel point, on the north side and near the mouth of the Bay of Chaleurs, thence running north-west forty-seven miles, thence south sixty-nine degrees west until it strikes a line drawn south-east from Cap-Chat on the River St. Lawrence, on the west by the line last mentioned, and on the north and east by the River and Gulph of St. Lawrence; including in the said County the Island of Bonaventure and all the Islands wholly or in part opposite to the said County and nearest thereto; the said County so bounded comprising the Fiefs and Seigniories of Sainte Anne, Mont-Louis, La Magdeleine, Grande Vallée des Monts and Anse de l'Étang, Grand River and Pabos, and the Townships of Cap-Chat, Sydenham, Fox, Cap-Rosier, Gaspé Bay North, Gaspé Bay South, York, Douglas, Malbaie, Percé and Newport, and the said Islands lying opposite to the said County and nearest to it.

County of Gaspé.