
BILL.

An Act to amend the Act of 1857, "to amend the Judicature Acts of Lower Canada," and to erect a new Judicial District at Chicoutimi.

INASMUCH as the difficulties and deficiencies in the means of communication, and the great distance between the inhabitants of the Counties of Chicoutimi and Saguenay, and the County of Charlevoix, forming together a Judicial District by the name of the District of Saguenay, would occasion almost an entire denial of justice to the inhabitants of the Counties of Chicoutimi and Saguenay if they were compelled, for judicial or other purposes, to resort to the *chef-lieu* of the aforesaid District fixed as it is in the Parish of St. Etienne de la Malbaie, in the County of Charlevoix; and as for these reasons, and with a view to the effectual enjoyment of the advantages to flow from the act above cited, the inhabitants of the Counties of Chicoutimi and Saguenay united together for purposes of representation and registration, have earnestly prayed for the establishment of a judicial *chef-lieu* separate and distinct from that already fixed; and whereas it is expedient and reasonable to comply with so urgent and so just a request; Therefore Her Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:—

1. From and after the passing of this Act the Act passed in the twentieth year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act to amend the Judicature Acts of Lower Canada," and every part thereof, shall be construed as if Lower Canada had been thereby divided into twenty Districts instead of nineteen, and the name of the District eighthly mentioned in the schedule A, to the said Act shall be Charlevoix instead of Saguenay, and the same shall consist of the County of Charlevoix only, and the Counties of Saguenay and Chicoutimi shall be formed into and shall compose a twentieth Judicial District in Lower Canada, by the name of Saguenay, and the *Chef-lieu* thereof shall be fixed at Chicoutimi, in the Township of Chicoutimi in the County of Chicoutimi, and the same shall be a new District according to the true intent and meaning of the said Act; all the provisions of which shall henceforward apply to the same accordingly.

II. All suits and proceedings pending in the Courts at St. Etienne de la Malbaie, at the time of the passing of this Act, shall be continued and concluded as if this Act had not been passed.

Preamble.

Act 20 Vic., c. 44, amended. District of Saguenay to be called Charlevoix, and a new District called Saguenay, to be formed of the Counties of Saguenay and Chicoutimi.

Pending suits at St. Etienne de la Malbaie to be continued and concluded.