

Time and
Place of
holding
Elections.

XXV. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Governor of the Province of Canada for the Time being to fix the Time and Place of holding Elections of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly of the said Province, until otherwise provided for as hereinafter is mentioned, giving not less than Eight Days Notice of such Time and Place.

Power to
alter System
of Represent-
ation.

XXVI. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Legislature of the Province of Canada, by any Act or Acts to be hereafter passed, to alter the Divisions and Extent of the several Counties, Ridings, Cities, and Towns which shall be represented in the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, and to establish new and other Divisions of the same, and to alter the Apportionment of Representatives to be chosen by the said Counties, Ridings, Cities, and Towns respectively, and make a new and different Apportionment of the Number of Representatives to be chosen in and for those Parts or the Province of Canada which now constitute the said Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada respectively, and in and for the several Districts, Counties, Ridings, and Towns in the same, and to alter and regulate the Appointment of Returning Officers in and for the same, and make Provision, in such manner as they may deem expedient, for the issuing and Return of Writs for the Election of Members to serve in the said Legislative Assembly, and the Time and Place of holding such Elections: Provided always, that it shall not be lawful to present to the Governor of the Province of Canada for Her Majesty's Assent any Bill of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the said Province by which the Number of Representatives in the Legislative Assembly may be altered, unless the Second and Third Reading of such Bill in the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly shall have been passed with the Concurrence of Two Thirds of the Members for the Time being of the said Legislative Council, and of Two Thirds of the Members for the Time being of the said Legislative Assembly respectively, and the Assent of Her Majesty shall not be given to any such Bill unless Addresses shall have been presented by the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly respectively to the Governor, stating that such Bill has been so passed.

Proviso.

The present
Election
Laws of the
Two Pro-
vinces to
apply until
altered.

1 & 2 Vic. c. 9.

XXVII. And be it enacted, That until Provisions shall otherwise be made by an Act or Acts of the Legislature of the Province of Canada, all the Laws which at the Time of the passing of this Act are in force in the Province of Upper Canada, and all the Laws which at the Time of the passing of the said Act of Parliament, intituled *An Act to make temporary provision for the Government of Lower Canada*, were in force in the Province of Lower Canada relating to the Qualification and Disqualification of any Person to be elected, or to sit or vote as a Member of the Assembly in the