

with provisions based on certain resolutions which were adopted at a conference of delegates from the said colonies held at the City of Quebec on the tenth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, and set forth in the said address; and on the fourteenth day of March in the same year the Legislative Assembly of this Province voted an humble address to Her Majesty, containing the same prayer; and whereas the said addresses were transmitted by His Excellency the Governor to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, to be laid at the foot of the throne, and the said Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, in a despatch to His Excellency, dated the eighth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five; and communicated by His Excellency to both Houses of the Provincial Legislature during the now last session, informed His Excellency that Her Majesty had been pleased to receive the said addresses very graciously, and that Her Majesty's Government had seen with great satisfaction that both Houses of the Canadian Legislature had adopted addresses to the crown expressive of their desire for the accomplishment of a measure calculated materially to add to the strength and promote the welfare of the Provinces of British North America; and whereas there is therefore reason to believe that the measure aforesaid for the union of the Provinces of British North America will be submitted to and enacted by the Imperial Parliament at an early date, and in view of the said Union and of the changes which will be thereby effected, it is inexpedient that an election of Legislative Councillors for the electoral divisions of the Province hereinafter mentioned should be held during the present year: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

1. For and notwithstanding any provision in the first chapter of the Consolidated Statutes of Canada, requiring the Governor to issue writs on or before the first day of September of the present year, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six, for the election of twelve Legislative Councillors to represent the Electoral Divisions of Gulf, Lasalle, Saurel, Repentigny, Montarville, Alma, Tecumseth, Gore, Erie, York, Cataraque and St. Lawrence, and to make the same returnable on the first Tuesday in November in the said year, such writs shall not be issued before the sixteenth day of July, in the year 1867, and the members of the Legislative Council representing the said Electoral Divisions therein at the time of the passing of this Act, shall continue to be the members representing the same in the Legislative Council until the day next preceding the return day of the writs (if any) to be issued on the day last aforesaid for the election of their successors.

No writs for elections of Legislative Councillors to issue in Sept., 1866.

Present Members to remain until, &c.