

## An Act to incorporate the Town of Stratford.

**W**HEREAS the Municipal Council of the Village of Stratford has prayed the Legislature to incorporate the same as a Town and to extend the limits thereof; And whereas from the large and rapidly increasing population of Stratford, and from its being the County Town of the County of Perth, and being a station both of the Grand Trunk and Buffalo and Lake Huron Railways, it is expedient and necessary to grant the prayer of said petition; Therefore, Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows:

Preamble.

I. The Village of Stratford as described and defined by limits under the Royal Proclamation, bearing date the Twenty-third day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, together with the following additions, namely,—Lots numbers four and five in the first Concession of the Township of Downie, and lots numbers four and five in the second Concession of the said Township; lots numbers four and five in the first Concession of the Township of Ellice, and lots numbers one, two, three, four, and five in the second Concession thereof, and lots numbers forty-five and forty-six in the second Concession of the Township of North Easthope,—shall, from and after the first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine, be incorporated as a Town, to be called the Town of Stratford, with the rights, powers, and privileges of incorporated towns in general, and as if the said town had been mentioned and included in the Schedule B. annexed to the Upper Canada Municipal Corporation Act of 1849, and with the rights, power, and privileges which shall by virtue of any Act or parts of Acts now in force in Upper Canada, or which shall hereafter be in force, belong to incorporated towns in general; and all the rules, regulations, provisions, and enactments therein contained, or which shall in any wise relate or belong to the same, shall apply to the town of Stratford as fully as if the said town had been contained in the said Schedule B, with the exception hereinafter made as regards the first Municipal election.

Stratford incorporated as a Town, with certain additions to its limits.

II. The said Town of Stratford shall be divided into five Wards, the bounds and designations of which shall be as follows, that is to say:

Division into five Wards.

1. SHAKSPERE WARD shall comprise that portion of the town formerly forming part of the Gore of the Township of Downie, bounded on the west by the centre of Erie street, on the east by the centre of Downie Road, on the north by the centre of Ontario street, and on the south by the town limits.
2. AVON WARD shall comprise that portion of the town formerly forming part of said township of Downie, north of the river Avon, and that

Shakespeare Ward.

Avon Ward