

An Act to regulate the Elections of Churchwardens (*marguillers*) in the Parishes of *Notre Dame de Québec*, *St. Roch de Québec*, and elsewhere.

**W**HEREAS it is expedient that Churchwardens (*marguillers*) in the Parishes of *Notre Dame de Québec* and *St. Roch de Québec*, and any other Roman Catholic Parish hereafter to be erected out of the territory now comprised within the said Parishes, or either of them, should be elected in the manner hereinafter prescribed and by persons duly qualified, and to define what persons are qualified to vote at such Elections; Be it therefore declared and enacted, &c. And it is hereby declared and enacted by the authority of the same, That all Pewholders in the Churches of the said Parishes respectively and they only, are and shall be qualified to vote at the Elections of Churchwardens therein.

Preamble.

Who may vote at Elections.

II. And be it enacted, That in the said Parishes, all Elections of Churchwardens shall take place as hereinafter provided; any usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

All Elections to be had in the following manner.

15 *1st.* Notice of the Election of a Churchwarden to succeed the Churchwarden going out of office in the *Banc de l'œuvre et Fabrique* of any Roman Catholic Church entitled to elect Churchwardens, in any of the said Parishes, shall be given from the pulpit at parochial mass, by the *Curé* or other person officiating in the Church, on the Sunday next but one before the first day of January in each year.

Notice.

25 *2ndly.* The nomination of candidates shall take place on the following Sunday, after Vespers, and if there are several candidates, the voting shall commence on the day following, at eight in the forenoon, and terminate at five in the afternoon of the same day, when the person presiding at the said Election shall declare duly elected the person having the greatest number of votes.

Nomination. Voting.

30 *3rdly.* The Churchwarden going out of office (or in the event of his absence from illness or any other cause, the second Churchwarden,) shall preside at the said Election, which shall be held in

Declaration of result of election.