

## An Act to constitute the Division of Bedford into a separate Judicial District.

**W**HEREAS from the great extent of the District of Montréal and the increased population of that part thereof included in the Division of Bedford, it hath become an object of serious inconvenience to the inhabitants residing in the said Division to attend the Courts of justice at Montréal; Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows:

Preamble.

I. The Counties of Brome, Missisquoi and Shefford shall, from and after a day to be hereafter named by the Governor of this Province, be detached from the rest of the District of Montréal, and shall be formed into and constitute a new Judicial District under the name of the District of Bedford.

District of Bradford constituted.

II. There shall be held in the said new district three terms of the Superior Court and two terms of the Court of Queen's Bench for Lower Canada in each year, and the said new District shall be divided into Circuits, and terms of the Circuit Court of Lower Canada shall be fixed therein in the manner hereinafter provided.

Terms and Circuits in the said Districts.

III. The municipalities may, if they see fit, procure the temporary use of buildings for the holding of the Courts in the said new District, until permanent buildings shall have been prepared for that purpose.

Temporary accommodation for the Courts.

IV. As soon as such temporary or permanent arrangement for the holding of the Courts shall have been made, and as provision shall have been made by law for the payment of the resident judge and other officers of the Courts in the said new District, the Governor may and shall issue a proclamation for the following purposes;

Proclamation to issue for certain purposes; and when.

1. Fixing the locality and the days where and when the terms of the said Superior Court and of the Court of Queen's Bench shall be held in the said District of Bedford.

Places and times of holding Courts.

2. Dividing the said Division of Bedford into Circuits, and fixing the places and days when and where the terms of the Circuit Court shall be held therein.

Circuits.

3. Declaring that the said new District shall on and after a day to be named in the said proclamation, be detached from the remainder of the District of Montréal, and shall constitute a separate judicial district under the name of the District of Bedford.

Time of separation from the District of Montréal.

V. Any proclamation issued under and in accordance with the terms of this Act, shall have the same effect as if its provisions formed part of

Effect of such proclamation.