

An Act to legalize and confirm a By-Law of the County Council of the County of Lincoln changing the place of the County Town.

WHEREAS, in pursuance of an Act passed in the twenty-fifth year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to enable the Rate-payers of the County of Lincoln to select a more convenient place for the County Town" the Municipal Corporation of the County of Lincoln did pass a By-Law changing the place of the County Town from the Town of Niagara to the Town of St. Catharines, upon which said By-Law a vote of the Municipal Electors of the said County was taken, and upon such vote the said By-Law received the assent of more than three-fourths of the said Electors; And, whereas, before the said vote was taken, the said By-Law was published in all the newspapers of the said County for three weeks previous to the said vote being taken, but was not published afterwards; And, whereas, the said By-Law was finally passed by the said Council, on the eleventh day of December, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-two, being over one month from the first publication thereof; And, whereas, the Court of Common Pleas for Upper Canada has pronounced the said By-Law illegal and void by reason of the same not having been published for one month previous to the final passing thereof; And, whereas, great injustice will be done the Rate-payers of the said County unless the said By-Law be legalized and confirmed:

Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

1. That the By-Law of the Corporation of the County of Lincoln, intituled, "A By-Law for changing the place of the County Town of the County of Lincoln," shall be valid and legal, notwithstanding the same shall have been quashed by the Court of Common Pleas for Upper Canada, by reason of the same not having been published according to law, and notwithstanding that the provisions of any other Statute relating to the passing of the said By-Law may not have been complied with.

2. That this Act shall be deemed a Public Act.

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