

An Act to amend the Lower Canada Consolidated Municipa-
Act, and to erect the Village of Chicoutimi into a Separate
Municipality.

WHEREAS the inhabitants of the Village of Chicoutimi, in the County of Chicoutimi, have represented that the number of houses now erected in the said Village exceeds one hundred and twenty-five, inhabited by a population exceeding eight hundred souls, that in some parts of the Village the houses and other buildings erected entirely of wood are in too great proximity, and are, in consequence, very liable to destruction by fire; and that in view of the rapid increase of the village, and the necessity of establishing certain regulations for the prevention of accidents by fire, and have prayed that the said Village may be erected into a Village Municipality, and it is expedient to grant their prayer: Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows:—

1. It shall be the duty of the Registrar of the County of Chicoutimi, within one month after the passing of this Act, by notice to be given as in the case of a Municipal Election, to call a meeting of the Municipal Electors of the Municipality of Chicoutimi, for the purpose of deciding whether the Village of Chicoutimi shall or shall not be separated from the remainder of the Municipality of Chicoutimi, and become a Village Municipality under this Act, and such notice shall be given not less than sixteen days before the day appointed for such meeting, including three consecutive Sundays; and at such meeting the Municipality shall vote by “yea and nay,” those in favor of the separation aforesaid, voting yea, and those opposing such separation, voting nay, and such voting shall continue during two consecutive days—and if the majority of the Electors so voting are in favor of such separation, the Registrar shall record the fact, and the following sections of this Act shall then be in full force, otherwise they shall have no further force or effect.

2. From and after the first day of July next, the Village of Chicoutimi, in the County of Chicoutimi, shall be erected into a separate Municipality distinct from that of the Township of Chicoutimi, in which the said village is situated, under the name of the “Municipality of the Village of Chicoutimi.”

3. The Municipality of the Village of Chicoutimi shall consist of all that part of the Township of Chicoutimi, divided into Village and Park lots, and commonly known as the Village of Chicoutimi.

4. The first meeting for the election of Councillors for the Municipality of the Village of Chicoutimi shall be called by the Registrar of the County of Chicoutimi, who shall also preside at the said election, and the election shall take place within the first fifteen days of the month of July next, and the seven Councillors then elected, or those who may be appointed according to law, in default of such election, shall hold office until the general election, which will be held in the month of January, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six.