No. 47.]

BILL.

[1861.

An Act to amend the Assessment Law of Upper Canada.

WHEREAS large tracts of unoccupied lands in various parts of Preemble. Upper Canada are held by absentees from the Province, and form a serious draw back to the material prosperity of the location in which they are situate, as well as to the country at large : And whereas, the 5 present scale of Assessment on personal property is unjust: Therefore, Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows :

I. The 28th and 124th sections of Chapter fifty-five of the Consolidated Statutes for Upper Canada, are hereby repealed.

II. The following section is hereby substituted for the repealed sec- New Sect. in 10 tion twenty-eight :---- "Real Property shall be estimated at its full value, place of 28. as it would be appraised in payment of just debt from a solvent debtor, except the Real Property of non-residents, which shall be assessed twenty per cent higher, than lands similarly situated belonging to occupants ; or if the Real Estate of non-residents be offered for sale, it may 15 be assessed at the price asked for it."

III. The following section is hereby substituted for the repealed New Sect. in 124th section :---- 'If the Taxes on any tract or parcel of land remain unpaid on the first day of May next after such taxes become due, the Treasurer of the County shall, unless otherwise directed by By-law of 20 the Council,—issue a warrant under his hand and seal directed to the Sheriff of the County commanding him to levy upon the land for the Taxes due thereon, with costs.

IV. The 32nd, 33rd and 123rd sections of the said Chapter fifty-five Sect. 32, 33, of the Statutes for Upper Canada, are hereby repealed. 123, repealed.

Sec1. 28, 124 of C. 55 Con. Stat. U. C. ropealed.

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