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## VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

## CAP. I.

An Act to provide for the Freedom of Elections throughout this Province, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

[12th October, 1852.]

Members of Parliament, which prevailed both in Upper and Lower Canada, previous to the passing of the Act of the Imperial Parliament for the Union of those Provinces, and which by the provisions of that Act is continued as the Law of the land of this Province at this day, has proved to be of danger to the public peace, and is moreover in large Counties and Ridings attended with much inconvenience to the Electors generally; and whereas it is expedient to provide against such evils, and to afford every reasonable facility and convenience to the Electors for giving their votes; and whereas it is expedient to limit the time for holding Elections, and generally to provide more effectually for the freedom of Elections, and the holding and conducting the same; Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and intituled "An