

ELECTION PETITIONS BILL.

TITLE AND PREAMBLE.

An Act to repeal the several Acts of the Parliaments of Lower and Upper Canada now in force for the trial of controverted Parliamentary Elections in the two sections of the Province respectively, and to provide by one General Act for the Trial of all Parliamentary Election Petitions.

NOTE.—The words and clause printed in Italics are proposed to be inserted in the Committee.

WHEREAS as well for the purpose of having one Preamble.
uniform system for the trial of all controverted Parliamentary Elections as for that of consolidating and amending such of the provisions of the Acts now in force
5 for the conduct of trials of Elections in the two sections of the Province respectively, as it is deemed desirable to retain, it is expedient to repeal the several Acts of the Parliament of the late Provinces of Lower and Upper Canada making provisions for such trials and to provide
10 by one General Act for the trial of all Parliamentary Election Petitions; Be it therefore enacted, &c.

ENACTMENTS.

I. ELECTION PETITIONS AND THEIR RECEPTION.

I. That every Petition presented to the Commons What shall be deemed an Election Petition.
House of Legislative Assembly of this Province, within the time hereinafter for that purpose limited with respect
15 to such Petition, and complaining of an undue Election or return of a Member to serve in Parliament, or complaining that no return has been made according to the requisition of any Writ issued for the Election of a Member to serve in Parliament, or complaining of the special
20 matters contained in any such Return, and which Petition shall be subscribed by some person who voted or had a right to vote at the Election to which the same relates, or by some person claiming to have had a right to be returned or elected thereat, or alleging himself to have been
25 a candidate at the Election, shall be deemed an Election Petition.