

way for such action, by proclaiming a large portion of that territory as within the limits of Manitoba. This territory was erected into a County, and called the Municipality of Varennes.

The following are the provisions of the Act to extend the laws of Manitoba to the Government of those parts of the Territory to be added to the Province by the extension of its boundaries. (Assented to 25th May, 1881.)

"1. When and so soon as the Act of Parliament of Canada, mentioned and recited in the preamble of this Act, shall come into force and operation by the terms of a proclamation to be issued in pursuance of the said Act by the Governor-General of Canada, as in that Act is provided, the territorial boundaries and limits of the Province of Manitoba shall be extended and increased as in that Act is mentioned and expressed, subject to the terms and conditions therein contained, and the said Act and all the enactments and provisions thereof shall have the force and effect of law in this Province so enlarged and increased as aforesaid, and immediately thereafter the said additional territory and the inhabitants thereof and all officers therein within the executive authority or legislative jurisdiction of the Province of Manitoba shall, as an integral part or portion of this Province, and as officers of the Government of Manitoba, be respectively subject to all the laws and executive regulations of the Province of Manitoba."

"Provided always, and it is hereby declared and enacted, that all laws and ordinances in force in the said Territory so to be added to and to form part of the Province of Manitoba as aforesaid at the time of the coming into force of the said Act of the Parliament of Canada as aforesaid, and all courts of civil and criminal jurisdiction, all registration offices for the registration of titles to lands and all legal commissions, powers and authorities, and all officers, judicial, administrative and ministerial, existing therein at the time of the coming into force of the said Act of the Parliament of Canada shall continue therein until the same and every of them which are or is within the executive and legislative authority and jurisdiction of the Province of Manitoba, are or is from time to time as may seem expedient, by Order in Council to be published in the *Manitoba Gazette*, altered or changed and brought under and subject to the laws of the Province of Manitoba; and the Lieutenant-Governor in Council is hereby declared to have and possess full power and authority to pass all Orders in Council and revoke and substitute others therefor requisite or necessary in the premises."

By a subsequent Act of the Province of Manitoba, also assented to on the 25th May, 1881, it was provided that—

"The New Territory lying to the east shall comprise one Electoral Division, to be known as No. 30 or Rat Portage, and shall consist of all the territory lying to the east of Lake Winnipeg and eastward of Range 10, east of the principal meridian."

The same Act provided that—

"The Lieutenant-Governor in Council shall, within three months after the date of the proclamation of the Governor-General declaring 44 Vic., cap. 14, intitled: 'An Act to provide for the extension of the boundaries of the Province of Manitoba,' to be in force, issue his proclamation and cause writs to be issued for the holding of elections," etc., "provided, however, that the election of a member for Rat Portage or No. 30, shall not take place until the eastern boundary of the Province of Manitoba shall be fully known and decided."

Another Act, assented to on 25th May, 1881, provided for the division of the Province into Counties, and the County of Varennes was made to comprise—

"All the remaining portion of territory within the Province east of Range 13 East, not included in any other County."