

An Act to detach part of the County of Chicoutimi as a separate Municipality, and to authorize the Election of Councillors therein.

WHEREAS the Township and Village of St. Jean, and the settlements around, are situated at a great distance from the other settlements of the County of Chicoutimi, between which and them, no road of communication is yet open, and they have no local interests in common with the other townships of the said county; Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows :

Preamble.

I. From and after the first day of January, eighteen hundred and fifty-eight, the said Township and Village of St. Jean, and the settlement around in the unsurveyed lands, shall, for the purposes of the Lower Canada Municipal and Road Act of 1855, or any amendments since thereto, be detached from the said County of Chicoutimi, and shall be united into and form a separate Municipality by the name of "Saint Jean."

New municipality erected to be called St. Jean.

II. The Council of the said Municipality shall consist of five members, elected in the manner prescribed in the said Act with respect to the members of local Councils, by the inhabitants of the Municipality entitled to vote at such elections, and shall be subject to the provisions of the said Act with respect to local Councils, except where it is herein otherwise provided, and the said Council and Municipality shall be presided over by an officer elected as the Mayors of local Municipalities are under the said Act, but who shall have the title of Warden, with such of the powers of a Warden as may be consistent with this Act; And the said Municipality and Council shall have all the powers of a local Municipality and Council under the said Act, and also the powers of a County Municipality and Council under the same, except those which relate to the construction of a court house and gaol, or of a registry office, or such as may be inconsistent with its original jurisdiction as a local Council; And the elections of Councillors, and the sittings of the said Council, shall be held at the Village of St. Jean, which shall be the *chef lieu* of the Municipality.

Municipal regulations, elections of councillors, &c.

Chef lieu.

III. Notwithstanding anything in the said Act, the Secretary-Treasurer of the said Municipality may be at the same time Superintendent thereof, and Commissioners for the Summary Trial of Small Causes may be Councillors.

Certain officers may be councillors.

IV. The said Municipality shall be organized and may exercise all its powers and functions although there may not be three hundred souls within its limits; And any proprietor of real property in the Municipality, whatever be the value thereof, may be elected a Councillor.

Organization of Municipality.

V. This Act shall be deemed a public Act.

Public Act.