

CHAP. 27.

An Act to make Temporary Provision for the Election of Members to serve in the House of Commons.

[Assented to 23rd May. 1873.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to make temporary provision for ^{Preamble.}
the election of Members to serve in the House of Commons
of Canada: Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and
consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as
follows :—

1. This Act shall be in force during one year from the time of ^{Duration of}
the passing thereof, and from thence until the end of the then next ^{Act.}
session of Parliament, and no longer.

2. The laws in force in the several Provinces of Canada, Nova ^{Election laws}
Scotia, and New Brunswick at the time of the Union, on the first ^{in force in the}
day of July, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven relative, ^{four senior}
to the following matters, that is to say, the qualifications and dis- ^{Provinces at}
qualification of persons to be elected or to sit or vote as Members ^{the Union to}
of the Legislative Assembly or House of Assembly in the said ^{apply, subject}
several Provinces respectively, the voters at elections of such ^{to certain}
members, the oaths to be taken by voters, the powers and duties ^{exceptions.}
of Returning Officers, and generally the proceedings at and
incident to such elections, shall, as provided by "*The British North*
America Act, 1867," continue to apply respectively to elections of
Members to serve in the House of Commons for the Provinces of
Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, subject to the
exceptions and provisions hereinafter made.

3. The polling at any election of a Member to serve in the ^{Polling to}
House of Commons, for any Electoral District in either of the ^{continue one}
Provinces of Quebec or Ontario, shall continue for one day only; ^{day only in}
and the poll shall be opened at nine o'clock in the morning and ^{Ontario and}
closed at five o'clock in the afternoon of such day. ^{Quebec.}

4. In the Province of Ontario, subject to the special provisions ^{Qualification}
hereinafter made, the qualification of voters at elections for Mem- ^{of voters in}
bers of the House of Commons shall be that established by the laws ^{Ontario.}
in force in that Province on the twenty-third day of January one
thousand eight and sixty-nine, as the qualification of voters at
elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly; and the voters' ^{Voters lists.}
lists to be used at elections of Members of the House of Commons
shall be the same as if such elections were of Members of the
Legislative Assembly on the basis of the qualification aforesaid; and
the polling sub-divisions or wards shall be the same as if such elec- ^{Polling sub-}
tions were for Members of the Legislative Assembly; and the ^{divisions.}
Returning Officer shall provide a polling place for each sub-division ^{Polling places.}
or ward, in the most central and convenient place for such elections.