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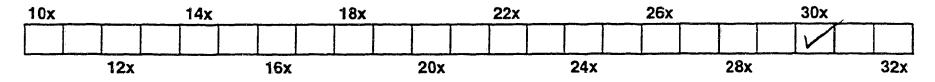
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2nd Session, 3rd Parliament, 12 Victoria, 1849.

BILL.

A Bill to divide the County of Berthier into two Municipalities for Municipal purposes.

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Second Reading, Thursday, 1st March, 1849.

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BILL.

An Act to divide the County of Berthier into two Municipalities.

WHEREAS by reason of the great dis- Preamble. tance at which the remote Parishes of the County of Berthier are situate from the place of holding the sittings of the Municipal 5 Council of the said County, it has been found difficult to secure the attendance of all the Councillors for the said localities, and for remedy thereof it is expedient to divide the said County into two Municipalities ; Be it 10 therefore enacted, &c.

And it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That from and after the first County of Berday of July next after the passing of this thier divided Act the said County of Pathian this into two Mu. Act, the said County of Berthier shall nicipalities. 15 be divided into and form two separate tive limits, &c. and distinct divisions, the first whereof

- shall consist of the Parishes of Lavaltrie, Lanoraie, Dautré, Berthier, l'Isle du Pads, and the other Islands within the said County, 20 St. Barthélémy, St. Cuthbert, St. Norbert,
- St. Gabriel, the Township of Brandon, and the Parish of St. Elizabeth, together with all the augmentations of the said Parishes and Township, and shall be called The Mu-
- 25 nicipality of Berthier Number One, and the place of holding the sittings of the Municipal Council of the said division shall be in the said Parish of Berthier; and the second division of the said County shall con-
- 30 sist of the Parishes of St. Paul, St. Charles Borromée, St. Ambroise, and St. Alphonse de Kildare, St. Mélanie de Daillebout, St. Felix de Ramsay, and St. Thomas, together with the augmentations of the said Parishes, 35 and shall be called The Municipality of

their respec-

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Berthier Number Two, and the place of holding the sittings of the Municipal Council of the said division shall be at Industry Village, in the said Parish of St. Charles Borromée; and each such division shall be a 5 Municipality, in the same manner as any County Muncipality provided by the Act passed in the Session held in the tenth and eleventh years of Her Majesty's Reign, and intituled, " An Act to make better provision 10 " for the establishment of Municipal Authori-" lies in Lower Canuda," and shall have and exercise and possess within the limits hereby assigned to it, all and every the corporate or other powers given and granted by the 15 said Act to County Municipalities.

Certain Couneillors to remain in office, notwithstanding the said Division.

II. And be it enacted, That at the first annual Election of Councillors for the said Municipalities, those of the Councillors now in office, who but for this Act would remain in 20 office, shall nevertheless remain in office, and shall represent the localities for which they are respectively elected, in the Municipal Councils of the divisions in which such localities are respectively situate, until the 25 period for which they shall have been elected shall expire.

As to Bylaws of the present Municipality.

III. And be it enacted, That all By-laws of the Municipal Council of the now existing Municipality of the said County, shall remain 30 in full force and effect as By-laws of each of the said new Municipalities respectively, until altered or repealed by any By-Law to be passed by the said Municipalities respectively; and all moneys in the hands of the 35 Secretary-Treasurer of the said Municipality shall, after paying therefrom all debts due by the said Municipality, be divided between the said two Municipalities in proportion to the amount levied in 40 each respectively.

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IV. And whereas difficulties have arisen in consequence of its being provided by the

above recited Act, that the limits of villages shall be fixed by the Municipal Council of the County in which such villages are situate; For remedy thereof, be it enacted, that on a

- 5 Petition from thirty landholders of any such village in either of the Municipalities hereby erected, to the Governor in Council, praying Governor in that limits be assigned to such village in order assign limits that it may be incorporated, the said inhabi- to a village in
- 10 tants proving to the satisfaction of the ty, without said Governor in Council, that such vil- the intervenupwards Municipal lage contains forty houses or within a space of thirty superficial arpents or Council. acres, it shall be lawful for the said Governor
- 15 in Council, by Proclamation, to fix the limits and boundaries of such village, and such village shall thereupon be a Corporation to all intents and purposes, and shall be subject to all and every the provisions of the above
- 20 mentioned Act, with respect to incorporated villages, as if the said inhabitants had petitioned the Municipal Council of the Municipality wherein such village is situate, to have limits assigned to such village and such li-
- 25 mits had been assigned by such Municipal Council and confirmed by Proclamation of the Governor in Council; anything in the above recited Act to the contrary notwithstanding.