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An Act respecting representation in the House of Commons.

First reading, February 9, 1900.

MR. MULOCK.

OTTAWA

Printed by S. F. Dawson Printer to the Queen's most Excellent Majesty 1900 An Act respecting Representation in the House of Commons.

HER Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:

1. Subsection 2 of section 3 of chapter 6 of the Revised Ontario 5 Statutes of Canada, subsection 2 of section 2 of chapter 11 of districts. the statutes of 1892, and section 1 of chapter 6 of the statutes of 1893 are hereby amended as follows:—

(a.) The electoral districts of Bothwell, Cardwell and West R.S.C., c. 6 1892, c. 11; 1893, c. 6.

Ontario are abolished;

- (b.) The electoral districts of the counties of Kent, Lambton, Huron, Bruce, Grey, Wellington, Perth, Middlesex, Elgin, Oxford, Norfolk, Brant, Haldimand, Welland, Lincoln, Wentworth, Peel, Dufferin, Simcoe, York and Ontario, and the territorial districts of Muskoka and Parry Sound, shall consist of the
- 15 several townships, villages, towns and cities and other lands declared by chapter 3 of the "Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1897," intituled "An Act respecting the Territorial Division of Ontario for Municipal and Judicial purposes," to constitute the said respective counties and districts, except that, for the
- 20 purposes of this Act, the county of Middlesex shall not include the City of London or any portion thereof, the county of Wentworth shall not include the City of Hamilton or any portion thereof, and the county of York shall not include the City of Toronto or any portion thereof;

(c.) The electoral district of the City of London shall consist of the City of London and shall return one member;

(d.) The electoral district of the City of Hamilton shall consist of the ity of Hamilton and shall return two members:

(e.) The electoral district of the City of Toronto shall consist of the City of Toronto and shall be divided into five electoral districts each of which shall return one member;

(f.) The counties of Dufferin, Haldimand, Lincoln, Peel, Welland and Wentworth, the territorial district of Muskoka, 35 and the territorial district of Parry Sound shall each be an electoral district and shall each return one member;

(g.) The counties of Brant, Elgin, Kent, Lambton, Norfolk, Ontario, Oxford and Perth shall each be divided into two electoral districts each of which shall return one member;

(h.) The counties of Huron, Bruce, Grey, Middlesex, Simcoe, Wellington and York shall each be divided into three electoral districts, each of which shall return one member.

Commissioners to make certain divisions.

2. Where, under the foregoing provisions, any county or city is to be divided into more than one electoral district, such division shall be made by a Board of Commissioners, consisting of at least three persons, being judges of the Supreme Court of Judicature for Ontario, who, for that purpose, shall be appointed by letters patent under the Great Seal, and who shall divide each such county or city into the number of electoral districts by this Act assigned to it.

Directions to commissioners. 2. The letters patent appointing the commissioners shall direct them, in making the divisions, to consider the distribu- 10 tion of population according to the latest census of Canada, the public convenience, and such divisions as appear to them best calculated to do substantial justice.

Filling of vacancies.

3. In case of the death, resignation, or refusal to act, of any one or more of such commissioners, a successor or successors 15 shall in like manner be appointed.

Commissioners' reports.

4. The commissioners shall complete such divisions within a time to be limited by the said letters patent, and shall report such divisions to the Secretary of State, making a separate report as to each electoral district so set apart by them, and 20 shall set forth in such report the boundaries of the electoral district to which such report refers and the municipalities comprised therein, and assign an appropriate designation to such electoral district.

Majority to govern.

5. Each report shall be signed by the commissioners or, in 25 case of disagreement, by a majority of them; and the report of the majority of the commissioners shall be the report of the commissioners.

Electoral districts constituted.

6. Upon the receipt by the Secretary of State of the reports of the commissioners completing such divisions, the territories 30 by such reports described as constituting the electoral districts into which the said city and counties are so divided shall, subject to the provisions of section 6 of this Act, become and be electoral districts as if they had been set apart and established as such by this Act.

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Publication of reports.

7. Each separate report shall be published by the Secretary of State in the Canada Gazette forthwith after its receipt by him.

Quebec electoral districts. 3. In the Province of Quebec, the following changes shall be made in the electoral districts as constituted under chapter 40 6 of the Revised Statutes, chapter 11 of the statutes of 1892, and chapter 5 of the statutes of 1893:—

(a.) The parish of Lavaltrie is transferred from the electoral district of L'Assomption to the electoral district of Berthier;

(b.) The Indian village and reserve of Caughnawaga are 45 transferred from the electoral district of Chateauguay to the electoral district of Laprairie and Napierreville;

(c.) The parish of Lacolle, together with the islands situated in the river Richelieu opposite thereto, is transferred from the electoral district of Missisquoi to the electoral district of St. 50 John's and Iberville;

(d.) The parishes of Notre Dame de Stanbridge and Notre Dame des Anges de Stanbridge are transferred from the electoral district of St. John's and Iberville to the electoral district of Missisquoi;

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(a) The parish of St. Pie is transferred from the electoral district of Rouville to the electoral district of Bagot;

(f.) The parish of St. Marcel is transferred from the electoral

district of Bagot to the electoral district of Richelieu;

5 (g.) The part of the parish of St. Eugène de Grantham, now in the electoral district of Bagot, is transferred therefrom to the electoral district of Drummond and Arthabaska;

(h.) The parishes of St. Nazaire and Ste. Christine, as munipally constituted, shall be included in the electoral district of 10 Bagot, and that electoral district, as reconstituted, shall consist of the town of Acton, the village of Upton, and the parishes of St. André d'Acton, St. Ephrem d'Upton, Ste. Helène, St. Hugues, St. Liboire, St. Pie, Ste. Rosalie, St. Simon, St. Théodore d'Acton, St. Dominique, St. Nazaire and Ste. Christine;

5 (i.) The parishes of St. Guillaume d'Upton and St. Bonaventure d'Upton are transferred from the electoral district of Drummond and Arthabaska to the electoral district of

Yamaska:

(j.) The parishes of Stc. Eulalie and St. Samuel shall be in

20 and form part of the electoral district of Nicolet;

(k.) All that part of the township of Stanfold, to wit: the first twelve lots in the first three ranges, and the first ten lots in the fourth and fifth ranges, the first four lots in the sixth range, and the first two lots in the seventh range of the said 25 township, is transferred from the electoral district of Drummond and Arthabaska to the electoral district of Megantic.

4. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection 5 of section 2 of New chapter 11 of the statutes of 1892 are hereby repealed, and the Brunswick following are substituted therefor:—

30 "(a.) The electoral district of the city of Saint John shall consist of the city of Saint John, as now existing under pro-

vincial legislation, and shall return one member:

"(b.) The electoral district of the county of Saint John shall consist of the county of Saint John as now existing under pro-35 vincial legislation, and shall return one member."

5. Subsection 6 of section 2 of the said Act is hereby Prince Edward repealed and the following is substituted therefor:—

1. Subsection 6 of section 2 of the said Act is hereby Prince Edward Island.

"6. In the province of Prince Edward Island there shall be

three electoral districts, designated as follows:—

"(a.) The electoral district of Prince, which shall consist of the county of Prince, and shall return two members:

"(b.) The electoral district of Queen's, which shall consist of the county of Queen's, and shall return two mem-

45 bers;

"(c.) The electoral district of King's, which shall consist of the county of King's, and shall return one member."

6. Nothing herein contained shall operate so as to change When changes the constitution of the electoral districts as they now exist shall take 50 until the dissolution of the present Parliament.