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4th Session, 6th Parliament, 24 Victoria, 1861

BILL.

An Act to amend the Act 16 Vict., Cap.
218, in relation to the County Town of
the County of Halton.

[PRIVATE BILL.]

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An Act respecting the County Town of the County of Halton.

WHEREAS the Act of the Parliament of Canada, 16 Victoria Chapter 218, which separated the County of Halton from the County of Wentworth, fixed the County Town at "Milton," although petitioned against by a large number of the inhabitants of the County, praying that the Election of the place for the County Seat might be left to a vote of the Rate-payers; And whereas large Petitions have been presented at the present Session, setting forth that "Milton" is not the most fit and convenient place for the County Town, and would not be selected by the Rate-payers of the County, and that as the present Jail has been declared insufficient by the Government Inspector, and therefore the County will be called on at great expense to erect a new Jail, and they therefore pray that the County Seat may be selected by a vote of the Rate-payers of the County; And whereas it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said Petitioners. Therefore, Her Majesty &c., enacts as follows:—

Preamble.

I. For and notwithstanding any provision of the Act 16 Victoria, Chapter 218, the Municipal Electors of the said County of Halton shall select the place for the County Town of the said County, at the Annual Municipal Election to be held on the first Monday in January, 1862, and a Poll shall be opened in each and every Ward, and each duly qualified Municipal Elector present at such Election is hereby empowered to vote for some one place in the County for the said County Town; and the said Polls shall be opened and the votes shall be taken by the several Returning Officers at the said Municipal Election in the same way under the same provisions, regulations and penalties as they are to, by the Municipal Act to take the votes for Councillors.

County Town to be chosen by vote of the Municipal Electors.

Polls.

II. The Returning Officer for each Ward shall, at the close of the Poll in his Ward, make up in his Poll Book the number of votes recorded for each of the several places so voted for in his Ward, and after verifying the correctness of the same before some Justice of the Peace, he shall, within three days after the close of the Election, return the said Poll Book to the Clerk of the Municipality.

Returning Officer to reckon up the votes for each place.

III The Clerk of each Municipality in the County shall, on receipt of the several Poll Books, make up the total number of votes for each of the several places voted for in the said Poll Books and shall forthwith transmit the same to the County Clerk, who shall lay the same before the County Council at its first meeting thereafter, and the place having the greatest number of votes so recorded in its favor shall be the County Town for the said County of Halton.

The place having the greatest number of votes to be the County Town.

IV. The County Council shall and may acquire land at the place so selected and erect the necessary County Buildings thereon; and the Municipality in which such County Seat may be placed by the vote to

County Council may acquire land there for

County build- be taken as aforesaid, shall have power and may grant aid towards the
ings. erection of such County Buildings by a By-Law to be passed for that
Proviso. purpose ; provided always that such By-Law shall be approved by the
Municipal Electors of the Municipality as is provided by the Municipal
Act. 5

Provision in V. In case of the County Council of the said County shall not, within
case the three months from the receipt of the total votes of the County aforesaid,
County Coun- proceed to erect the necessary County Buildings, it shall and may be
cil neglects to lawful for the Municipal Council of the Municipality in which the County
erect County buildings. Seat shall have been located to proceed to erect the said County Build- 10
ings at their own cost in whole or in part ; provided always that any
By-Law for such purpose shall be first approved of by the Rate-payers
of the Municipality under the terms of the Municipal Act, and when-
ever the requisite buildings shall have been completed and duly certified
to the Warden of the County, under the hand and seal of the head of 15
the Municipality in which the same has been placed, the County Seat
shall be removed immediately to the said new County Buildings.

Public Act. VI. This Act shall be a Public Act.