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No. 83.

3rd Session, 5th Parliament, 20 Victoria, 1857.

(LOCAL BILL.)

BILL.

An Act to detach a certain portion of the Township of Arthabaska from the District of Three Rivers and annex the same to the District of Quebec.

Received and read, first time, Wednesday, 11th March, 1857.

Second reading, Friday, 13th March, 1857.

MR. J. B. E. DORION.

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An Act to detach a certain portion of the Township of Arthabaska from the District of Three Rivers, and annex the same to the District of Quebec.

WHEREAS Théophile Hébert, Joseph Champoux, David Varville, David Prince, Olivier Lambert, Cyrille Arseneau, Noel Hébert, Moise Basil, Joseph Poulain, Charles Poisson, David LaBonté, Joseph Houle, and Pierre Champoux, proprietors and occupants of the 14th range ;
 5 William Gosselin, Pierre Nolin, senior, Pierre Nolin, junior, Louis Gonzague Péléin, Pierre Viguauet, Xavier Roberge, Louis Roberge, Damasc Roberge, and Julien Roberge, proprietors and occupants of the 15th range ; William Gosselin, Prosperé Morin, David Bourque, and Jean Tardif, proprietors and occupants of the 16th range ; and the above mentioned William Gosselin,
 10 proprietor in the 17th range, and also, the inhabitants of the part of the 13th range situate to the north of the river, in the Township of Arthabaska, have applied to the Legislature setting forth that they are exposed to great inconvenience from being comprised within the limits of the Township of Arthabaska, in the County of Arthabaska, and District of
 15 Three Rivers, inasmuch as they are separated therefrom by one of the branches of the River Nicolet, (River du Loup) the sudden and frequent rising of which prevents them from maintaining a regular communication with the *chef lieu* of the Township and County of Arthabaska to attend to their scholar, municipal, electoral and judicial business, and, further,
 20 that the said 14th, 15th, 16th and 17th ranges of the Township of Arthabaska have been annexed, by a canonical decree, to the mission of Ste. Sophie, in the Township of Halifax, in the County of Megantic, and Diocese of Quebec, and have prayed that the lands they occupy, commonly called the "Pointe d'Arthabaska," may be detached from the Township
 25 and County of Arthabaska, and the District of Three Rivers, and be annexed to the Township of Halifax, in the County of Megantic, and the District of Quebec : Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows :

I. From and after the first day of January 1858, the fourteenth, fifteenth, sixteenth and seventeenth ranges of the Township of Arthabaska, com-
 30 prehending that tract of land commonly called the "Pointe d'Arthabaska," and that part of the same Township situate to the north of Rivière du Loup, shall be detached from the Township and County of Arthabaska, in the District of Three Rivers, and be annexed to the Town-
 35 ship of Halifax, in the County of Megantic, and District of Quebec, for all municipal, electoral, judicial and registration purposes, in the same manner, to all intents and purposes, as though the above mentioned part of the Township of Arthabaska had always formed part of the said Township of Halifax, County of Megantic and District of Quebec.

La Pointe
 d'Arthabaska
 annexed to the
 Township of
 Halifax, and
 County of
 Megantic.

Act not to discharge the inhabitants from Township debts. II. This Act shall not have the effect of discharging the above mentioned part of the Township of Arthabaska from any school or municipal debts which it might have contracted during the time it formed part of the Township and County of **Arthabaska**.

Pending causes continued. III. If there be any causes at present pending before any of the Courts in the District of Three Rivers, in which any of the proprietors or occupants of the lands of that part of the Township are concerned, they shall be continued in the said Courts. 5

Public Act. IV. This Act shall be deemed a public Act.