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(LOCAL BILL.)

BILL.

An Act to amend the Lower Canada Municipal and Road Act of 1855, and to erect St. Lambert into a separate Municipality.

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An Act to amend the Lower Canada Municipal and Road Act of 1855, and to erect St. Lambert into a distinct Municipality.

WHEREAS the place called St. Lambert, lying on the south side of the River St. Lawrence, immediately opposite the City of Montreal, is one of the first and oldest settlements in Lower Canada, and from its situation is rapidly increasing in extent, wealth and commerce, being the terminus of the Grand Trunk and the Champlain and St. Lawrence Railways and the outlet of the Victoria Bridge, and its wants cannot be supplied by the Lower Canada Municipal and Road Act of 1855, and by the School Municipality of Longueuil; Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows:

Preamble.

I. From and after the 1st day of July, 1856, St. Lambert, bounded as follows, that is to say: on the west by the River St. Lawrence, on the south by the Seigniorial line between Laprairie and the Barony of Longueuil, and in depth on the east and north partly by the road called *Chemin du Co-teau rouge*, and partly the Grande Ligue road,—shall for the purposes of the Lower Canada Municipal and Road Act of 1855, and for School purposes, be detached from the County of Chambly, and shall be united into and form a separate Municipality by the name of the Municipality of St. Lambert.

St. Lambert to form a separate Municipality; its boundaries.

II. The Council of the said Municipality shall consist of seven members elected in the manner prescribed by this Act, and shall be subject to the provisions of the said Lower Canada Municipal and Road Act of 1855 with respect to Local Councils, except where it is herein otherwise provided; and the said Council and Municipality shall be presided over by an officer elected as the Mayor of Local Municipalities is, under the said Act of 1855, but who shall have the title of Warden and such of the powers of a Warden as may be consistent with this Act; and the said Municipality and Council shall have all the power of a Local Municipality and Council under this Act, and also all the powers of a County Municipality and Council under the same, except those which relate to the construction of a Court House and Goal or Registry Office, or such as may be inconsistent with its original jurisdiction as a Local Council; and the election of Councillors and the sittings of the said Council shall be held within the limits aforesaid at St. Lambert which shall be the chief town (*chef lieu*) of the Municipality; the *quorum* at all meetings of the said Council shall be five, and the Municipal Councillors shall be also School Commissioners, having and exercising all the powers and authority of School Commissioners under the School Laws in force in Lower Canada.

Municipal Council bond formed.

Warden.

Chef lieu.

Councillors to be School Commissioners.

III. The Electors, Warden, and Councillors, shall be male inhabitants of the said Municipality, of the full age of twenty-one years and proprietors of real estate situate within the said limits of St. Lambert, of the value of

Qualification of Electors, Warden and Councillors.

fifty pounds currency, or enjoying an annual net income derived from any profession, mechanical calling, or trade, of one hundred and fifty pounds currency, or being tenants, lessees or occupants of real estate within the said Municipality, for at least six months previous to election, paying an annual rent of ten pounds currency, and shall be subject to the performance of all the duties and entitled to the exercise of all the privileges conferred and imposed by the provisions of the Municipal and Road Act of Lower Canada of 1855 and the School Laws in force in Lower Canada, subject nevertheless any amendments which the Legislature may make to the said laws, and in so far as such provisions may not be inconsistent with those of this Act.

Public Act. **Municipality to be organized without having 300 souls.** **Their Rights.** IV. The said Municipality shall be organized and may exercise all its powers and functions although there may not be three hundred souls within its limits.

V. This Act shall be a public Act.