

No. 78.

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BILL.

An Act to explain part of a certain Act therein mentioned, and to define what persons shall have the right to vote at the Election of Members of the Legislative Assembly, to represent the Cities of Quebec and Montreal, and the Town of Three Rivers.

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WHEREAS by his Proclamation, bearing date the 7th day of Preamble.
 May, 1792, Sir Alured Clarke, at that time Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Lower Canada, divided the said Province into Counties for electoral purposes, and for the same purpose fixed and determined the limits and boundaries of the Cities
 5 of Quebec and Montreal, and of the Town of Three Rivers; And
 whereas in conformity with the provisions of the Imperial Act to reunite the heretofore Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada,
 Lord Sydenham, at that time Governor of the Province of Canada,
 by Letters Patent bearing date the 4th day of May, 1841, assigned other
 10 boundaries and limits to the said Cities of Quebec and Montreal,
 which said Letters Patent have since been revoked and annulled
 by an Act of the Legislature of this Province, passed in the 6th
 year of the Reign of Her Majesty, and intituled, "*An Act to re-* 6 V., c. 16.
store for purposes relative to the Election of Members of the Legis-
 15 *lative Assembly the ancient boundaries and limits of the Cities of*
Quebec and Montreal;" and by the said Act, the boundaries
 and limits of the said Cities of Quebec and Montreal as fixed and
 determined by the above mentioned Proclamation of Sir Alured
 Clarké, were again assigned to the said Cities respectively;
 20 And whereas by a certain Act passed in the 12th year of the
 Reign of Her Majesty, 12 Vic. cap. 27, and intituled "*An Act to* 12 V., c. 27.
repeal certain Acts therein mentioned, and to amend, consolidate
and reduce into one Act the several Statutory provisions now in force
 25 *this Province in the Legislative Assembly thereof;*" it is amongst
 other things enacted, that no person shall be entitled to vote at
 the Election of a Member to represent any City or Town in this
 Province, unless such person shall be a proprietor or tenant with-
 in the limits of the said City or Town, or of the liberties thereof;
 30 and whereas doubts and difficulties have arisen as to the right of

Electors residing within the liberties of the Cities of Quebec and Montreal, and of the Town of Three Rivers, to vote at the election of Members to represent the said Cities and Towns respectively ; and whereas it is expedient to remove such doubts, and to avoid all difficulty for the future in this respect ; Be it therefore declared and enacted, &c.,

Who may vote at Elections for the said Cities and Town.

That none but Electors legally qualified in that behalf residing within the limits of the said Cities of Quebec and Montreal, and of the Town of Three Rivers, as fixed and determined by the Proclamation of Sir Alured Clarke, hereinabove mentioned, shall hereafter be entitled to vote at the Election of Members to represent the said Cities and Towns respectively in the Legislative Assembly of this Province, anything in the Act hereinbefore lastly recited to the contrary notwithstanding.

Where Electors residing in the Banlieues shall vote.

II. And be it enacted, That hereafter Electors qualified as aforesaid, to vote in the liberties (*banlieues*) of the said Cities and Town respectively, shall vote at any election which may take place for the return of Members to represent in the Legislative Assembly of this Province, the Counties within the limits of which such Cities or Town are respectively situated, that is to say, the Electors in the liberties of the City of Quebec shall vote at the Election for the County of Quebec, the Electors in the liberties of the City of Montreal shall vote at the Election for the County of Montreal, and those in the liberties of the Town of Three Rivers at the election for the County of St. Maurice, subject to the pains and penalties provided by the Act hereinbefore lastly recited.

Act to be distributed as 12 V., c. 27.

III. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be distributed in like manner as the Act hereinbefore lastly recited.

Interpretation.

IV. And be it enacted, That the Interpretation Act shall apply to this Act.