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An Act to incorporate the Village of Victoriaville, in the County of Arthabaska.

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An Act to incorporate the Village of Victoriaville, in the County of Arthabaska, and for other purposes.

WHEREAS the Parish of St. Christophe d'Arthabaska, in the County of Arthabaska, is so divided into two parts by the Village of Arthabaskaville,—and the Village at the Station of the Grand Trunk Railway, situate in the smaller of such parts of the said Parish, has of late so augmented, and by reason of the construction of the Three Rivers and Arthabaska Branch Railway, promises to be so further augmented.—and the Roads and Bridges in such part of the said Parish are at once so important and so disconnected from those of the other part of the said Parish,—as to make it expedient that the part of the said Parish lying to the North-west of the said Village of Arthabaskaville, and wherein the said Station is situate, should be separated from the remainder of the said Parish, as a Village Municipality; and whereas the Act passed in the twenty-third year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act for incorporating the Village of Victoriaville, in the County of Arthabaska," failed of effect by reason of the adverse vote of a small majority, at the meeting held in virtue thereof; and whereas the election held in the year 1860, for choice of a Local Council for the said Parish, was so irregularly conducted that the seats of two of the Councillors thereat chosen have since been declared vacant on account of such irregularities, by judgment of the Superior Court, and the remaining Councillors have since refrained from acting, although not legally ousted of office by such judgment; and whereas the inhabitants of the said Parish have, by petition, prayed for the passing of an Act to incorporate the said Village, and also to enable the remainder of the said Parish duly and regularly to elect a Local Council therefor; and whereas it is expedient to grant such prayer; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

1. From and after the day on which the election firstly hereinafter provided for shall have taken place, all that part of the Parish of St. Christophe d'Arthabaska, in the County of Arthabaska, lying to the North-west of a line drawn across the said Parish between the sixth and seventh Lots of the several Ranges of the Township of Arthabaska comprised in the said Parish, shall, for all purposes of this Act only, be detached from the Parish of St. Christophe d'Arthabaska; and the inhabitants thereof shall be, and they are hereby constituted, a Corporation or Body Politic, under the name of "The Corporation of the Village of Victoriaville," for all Municipal purposes, to all intents as if the erection of such Village had on such day taken place in ordinary course under the provisions of the "Lower Canada Consolidated Municipal Act."

Village of
Victoriaville
incorporated.

2. It shall be the duty of the Senior Justice of the Peace residing within the said Parish, or in his default, then of any other such Justice

Meeting for
first election

- of Council-
lors. of the Peace, as soon as may be after the passing of this Act, to appoint a place within the said future Village, and a day and hour within the three weeks next following the issue of his notice to that end, for the holding of the first election of a Municipal Council for the said Village, and to give due public notice thereof in manner and form as by law 5
notice is required to be given for a Municipal election held in ordinary course, and to preside thereat, with all the powers and duties by the said Lower Canada Consolidated Municipal Act assigned to the person presiding at any such election.
- Election of
Councillors. **3.** In case of the absence from the meeting so to be called, of the 10
Justice of the Peace who called the same, any other Justice of the Peace there present, or in default of a Justice of the Peace, any person chosen from among themselves by a majority of the electors present, shall preside thereat, with all the powers and duties aforesaid; and the meeting may be adjourned from day to day, until such election shall have 15
been duly made.
- Meeting for
election of
Councillors
for the re-
mainder of the
Parish: **4.** It shall further be the duty of such senior Justice of the Peace, or 20
in his default, then of any such other resident Justice of the Peace, so soon as may be after the passing of this Act, in like manner to appoint a place within the said Parish, and a day and hour within the three
weeks next following the issue of his notice to that end, for the hold-
ing of an election of a Municipal Council for the said Parish, and to
give due public notice thereof in manner and form as by law notice is
required to be given for a Municipal election held in ordinary course,
and to preside thereat, with all the powers and duties by the said Lower 25
Canada Consolidated Municipal Act assigned to the person presiding at
any such election.
- Election of
such Parish
Councillors **5.** In case of the absence from such meeting, of the Justice of the Peace 30
who called the same, any other Justice of the Peace there present, or
in default of a Justice of the Peace, any person chosen from among
themselves by a majority of the electors present, shall preside thereat,
with all the powers and duties aforesaid; and such meeting may be
adjourned from day to day, until such election shall have been duly
made.
- Parish Coun-
cil consti-
tuted, **6.** On and from the day of the due making of such election for the 35
said Parish, the Local Councillors thereat elected shall become and be
such Councillors, to all intents as though the seats of all the Councillors
elected in the year 1860 for the said Parish, had been declared vacant
by due judgment in the last resort, of a Court of Law, and as though such
new election had been duly ordered and made, in terms of such judg- 40
ment.
- Act not to af-
fect liability
for debts, &c. **7.** Nothing in this Act contained, or which may be authorized by or 45
done under this Act, shall in any wise discharge any lands within the
Village hereby constituted, or any person, from any liability presently
attaching to them under the said Lower Canada Consolidated Municipal
Act, whether by reason of any assessment or penalty, or other matter
whatsoever.
- Public Act. **8.** This Act shall be deemed a Public Act.