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AnAct to constitute the Division of Bedford into a separate Judicial District.

HEREAS from the great extent of the District of Montreal and the Preamble. increased population of that part thereof included, in the Division of Bedford, it liath become an object of serious inconvenience to the inhabitants residing in the said Division to attend the Courts of justice at 5 Montreal; Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows:

I. The Counties of Brome, Missisquoi and Shefford shall, from and District of after a day to be hereafter named by the Governor of this Province, be de- Bradford contached from the rest of the District of Montreal, and shall be formed into stituted. and constitute a new Judicial District under the name of the District of 10 Bedford.

II. There shall be held in the said new district three terms of the Terms and Superior Court and two terms of the Court of Queen's Bench for Lower Circuits in the Canada in each year, and the said new District shall be divided into said Districts. Circuits, and terms of the Circuit Court of Lower Canada shall be fixed 15 therein in the manner hereinafter provided.

III. The municipalities may, if they see fit, procure the temporary use Temporary of buildings for the holding of the Courts in the said new District, until accommodapermanent buildings shall have been prepared for that purpose.

tion for the Courts.

IV. As soon as such temporary or permanent arrangement for the Proclamation 20 holding of the Courts shall have been made, and as provision shall have to issue for been made by law for the payment of the resident judge and other officers certain purof the Courts in the said new District, the Governor may and shall issue when a proclamation for the following purposes;

1. Fixing the locality and the days where and when the terms of the Places and 25 said Superior Court and of the Court of Queen's Bench shall be held in times of hold. the said District of Bedford.

ing Courts.

2. Dividing the said Division of Bedford into Circuits, and fixing the Circuits. places and days when and where the terms of the Circuit Court shall be held therein.

3. Declaring that the said new District shall on and after a day to be Time of sepanamed in the said proclamation, be detached from the remainder of the ration from District of Montreal, and shall constitute a separate judicial district the District of Montreal, under the name of the District of Bedford.

V. Any proclamation issued under and in accordance with the terms Effect of such 35 of this Act, shall have the same effect as if its provisions formed part of proclamation.

Bailiffs to remain in office.

Proviso.

this Act; and from and after the day therein named the said new District shall be fully established, and the Bailiff of the Superior Court appointed for the District of Montreal resident in the said new District, shall, without any new appointment, be Bailiff of the Superior Court for the said new District, but not for the remainder of the District of Montreal: Provided that all suits then actually pending in the Courts in the remainder of the District of Montreal shall be proceeded with as if this Act had not been psssed.

Appointment of Judge and officers.

VI. So soon as the said proclamation shall have been issued, the Governor may and shall appoint a resident Judge and such other officers of 10 the Courts as may be necessary in and for the said new District, not exceeding in number the like officers in the District of St. Francis.