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COUNTY DIVISION

SUBSTITUTION BILL.

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SYNOPSIS.

A. TITLE.—Preamble and commencement of Act 1st, January, 1850.

B. ENACTMENTS.

I. Abolition of District Divisions.

Section 2-District Divisions abolished.

- 3-District Courts and other District Institutions to be henceforth County Institutions, and all laws applicable to the one to be applied to the other.
- 4—Courts of Assize and Nisi Prius, &c. &c. to be held for Counties as now held for Districts.

II. Unions of Counties for Municipal, Judicial and other purposes.

- Section 5—Counties in Schedule A united for judicial, municipal and all other purposes, except Representation and Registration of Titles, and to have Courts and other Institutions in common while Union continues.
 - 6-Property of united Counties to be held in common.
 - 7—Venue to be laid in County, describing it as forming one of the Union.
 - 8—Laws now applicable to Districts, or hereafter to be made for Counties, to apply to Unions of Counties while Union continues, as if they formed but one County.

III. Dissolution of Unions of Counties.

Section 9—County in which Court House situated, to be senior County of Union.

- 10—Governor may erect County Municipal Council of junior County into Provisional Council for such County, when population by census amounts to not less than 5000, with proviso—
 - 1. That no petition be presented unless adopted by two-thirds of Townreeves at a meeting in February, after their election—nor till expedience of adopting such Petition resolved at two annual meetings previously.
 - 2. That Provisional Municipal Council shall consist of Townreeves, of Townships &c., and of junior County.
- 11—Provisional Municipal Council to have power to purchase property for Court Houses and Gaols, and to raise money for that purpose.
- 12—Also, power to appoint Provisional Officers for that purpose.
- 13—Provisional Municipal Council to be a Body Corporate.
- 14—Monies as directed to be levied shall be levied as monies assessed by Municipal Council of Union with proviso—
 - 1. That Collectors may retain a per centage.
 - That monies shall be deemed monies of Union for purposes of charging Collectors and their sureties.
 - That monies collected by Union shall be accounted for to junior County.
- 15—When Court House and Gaol built for junior County, agreement to be entered into between junior County and Union as to debt, with proviso—
 - Members of Provisional Municipal Council not to vote in Municipal Council of Union on any such matter.
 - In default of such agreement, amount
 of such debt to be assumed by junior County, to be settled by arbitration.
 - That in default of appointment of Arbitrator by either Council, Governor in Council to appoint one for such Council.
 - 4. That award &c., be subject to jurisdiction of Queen's Bench.

- 5. That the portion so agreed upon or settled, shall bear interest from the disuniting of such junior County from the Union, and be [provided for, &c. as other debts.
- 16—All assessments of year in which Proclamation for disuniting any junior County from union shall issue, to belong to Union.
- 17—Appointments of Sheriff, Judges, &c. to take effect after issue of Proclamation disuniting such County from Union, with proviso that Sheriff shull have six calendar months after his commission takes effect, to give security and qualify as required by U. C. 3 Wm. IV. c. 8.
- 18—On 1st of January after Proclamation, junior County to become disunited from Union, and Provisional Municipal Council to cease and be dissolved.
- 19—Property in senior County to become property thereof, and property in junior County to become property of junior County.
- 20—Pending cases to be tried in senior County, unless Venue changed to junior County.
- 21—Upon Venue being changed, Records, &c., to be transmitted to proper office of junior County.
- 22—Rules applicable to Court Houses and Gaols generally applied to Court Houses and Gaols of junior County, and Courts to be held at Court Houses.

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- Section 23—Provisional Municipal Council for United Counties of Kent and Lambton.
 - 24—Those Counties to be proclaimed when Gaol and Court House finished.
 - 25—Pending proceedings in the several Districts transferred to the Counties and Unions of Counties as in Schedule B.
 - 26—Public property of Districts transferred to Counties and Unions of Counties, as in Schedule B.
- Section 27-Acts inconsistent with this, repealed.
 - 28—Justices of the Peace, &c. now in office for District, to exercise their functions in Counties and Unions of Counties, as in Schedule B.
 - 29-Act may be amended this Session.

COUNTY DIVISION SUBSTITUTION BILL.

UPPER CANADA.

BILL.

An Act for abolishing the territorial division of Upper Canada into Districts, and for providing for temporary Unions of Counties for Judicial and other purposes, and for the future dissolutions of such Unions, as the increase of wealth and population may require.

THEREAS by reason of the subdivision of Preamble. Districts in that part of this Province called Upper Canada, the boundaries thereof have, in many

- 4 cases, become identical with the boundaries of Counties, and there being no longer any sufficient
- 6 reason for continuing such territorial division in that part of the Province, it is expedient to abolish the
- 8 same, and, following in this particular the Mother Country, to retain only the name of County as a 10 territorial division for judicial as well as all other
- purposes, providing at the same time for temporary
- 12 Unions of Counties for judicial and other purposes, and the future dissolution of such Unions as the in-
- 14 crease of wealth and population may from time to time require: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's
- 16 Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the
- 18 Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under 20 the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of
- the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, 22 and intituled, An Act to re-unite the Provinces
- of Upper and Lower-Canada, and for the Goof vernment of Canada; and it is hereby enacted by
- the authority of the same, That this Act shall come Commence-26 into and be in operation upon, from and after the ment of this
- first day of January, in the year of our Lord, one

28 thousand eight hundred and fifty.

I. Abolition of District Divisions.

II. And be it enacted, That the division of that Districts 30 part of this Province called Upper Canada, into Dis- abolished.

tricts, for judicial and other purposes, shall be and the same is hereby abolished.

District Courts, &c. to become County Courts, &c.

III. And be it enacted, That the Courts, Court Houses and Gaols, heretofore called District Courts, Court Houses and Gaols, shall from henceforth be called County Courts, Court Houses and Gaols, and the District Grammar Schools, County Grammar Schools, and all and singular the Offices and Officers now appertaining to the said Districts shall henceforth belong and appertain to the said Coun- 10 ties respectively, and whenever the said Offices or Officers have the title or denomination of Offices or 12 Officers, of or for the District, they shall henceforth have the title or denomination of Offices or Officers 14 of or for the County; and all laws at present in force, or during the present Session of Parliament 16 made or to be made applicable to the said division of territory by the name of Districts or the Courts, 18 Offices or other institutions thereof, shall be applied to and have the same operation and effect upon the 20 said Counties and their respective Courts, Offices and other institutions, as Counties. 22

Laws applicable to Districts to apply to Counties.

Courts of Assize, &c. to be held in Counties.

IV. And be it enacted, That the Courts of Assize and Nisi Prius, and Oyer and Terminer, Gaol 24 Delivery, Sessions of the Peace and District Courts, shall be held in and for the said Counties, as such 26 Courts are now held for the different Districts in Upper Canada, and that the name County shall be 28 used in designating such Courts, and also in all legal proceedings where the name District is now, 30 or by any Act passed or to be passed during the present Session of Parliament, shall be used.

II. Unions of Counties for Judicial and other purposes.

V. And be it enacted, That the Counties men-

Certain Counties to be united for purposes other than Representation and Registration of Titles, to have Courts, &c. in common.

tioned in the Schedule to this Act annexed marked 34 A, shall, for all judicial and municipal purposes, and for all other purposes whatsoever, except for the 36 purpose of Representation in the Provincial Parliament and that of the Registration of Titles, be 38 formed into Unions as in the said Schedule particularly set forth, and each of such Unions under the 40 name of the United Counties of (naming them) shall, 42 for all such purposes (except as before excepted) have all Courts, Offices and Institutions established 44 by law and now pertaining to Districts, or which by any Act passed or to be passed during the pre- 46 sent or any future Session of Parliament, shall or may be established for Counties, in common be- 48 tween them, so long as such Counties shall remain so united as hereinprovided. 50

VI. And be it enacted, That the County property 2 of all such United Counties shall, so long as such Counties remain united, be the common property of 4 such United Counties, in whichever of such Countics the same may be situated.

As to property of United Counties.

VII. And be it enacted, That in laying the Venue in any judicial proceeding in which the same 8 may be necessary in any County which may be so united to any other County or Counties as herein-10 before provided, the same shall be laid in such County by name describing it as one of the United

Mode of describing counties in laying a Venue.

12 Counties of (naming them), and for the trial of any issue, or 14 for the assessment of damages, in the course of any such judicial proceeding, when such issue shall be 16 tried or such damages assessed by Jury, the Jury shall be summoned from the body of the United 18 Counties, as if the same were one County.

VIII. And be it enacted, That during the con-20 tinuance of any such Unions of Counties, all Laws now existing and applicable to Districts, and all 22 Laws hereafter to be made, whether during the present or any future Session of Parliament, and 24 applicable to Counties generally in relation to any matter whatsoever, except only Representation in 26 the Provincial Parliament, and Registration of Titles, shall, to all intents and purposes whatso-28 ever, apply to every such Union of Counties, as if

Laws relative to Districts to apply to Unions of

III. Dissolution of Unions of Counties.

such Union formed but one County.

IX.—And be it enacted, That in all the Unions Which shall of Counties provided for by the fifth Section of this be called the 32 Act, the County within the limits of which the Court House and Gaol, heretofore the District 34 Court House and Gaol, shall be situated, shall be deemed the Senior County of such Union, and the 36 other County or Counties the Junior County or Counties thereof.

Senior Coun-

X. And be it enacted, That so soon as by the census taken according to any Act of Parliament 40 now in force, or hereafter to be in force, for taking a Census of the Inhabitants of this Province, or of be made provi-42 that part of it called Upper Canada, it shall appear that any Junior County of any such Union of Coun-44 ties as is provided for by the said fifth Section of this Act, contains a population of not less than five with. 46 thousand souls, it shall and may be lawful for the Governor of this Province, by an Order in Council, 48 upon the Petition of two-thirds or more of the

Townreeves for the time being of such Junior

County Muniof a Junior County may sional Council of the County, provided certain conditions be complied

County, if he shall deem the circumstances of such Junior County such as to call for a separate establishment of Courts and other County Institutions, to issue a Proclamation under the Great Seal of this Province, setting forth the same, naming a

place within such Junior County for a County Town, and erecting the Townreeves for such Junior County, then elected or thereafter to be elected 8 for the same, into a Provisional Municipal Council tor such Junior County, and declaring such Muni- 10cipal Council a Provisional Municipal Council, under the authority of this Act, until the dissolution 12 of such Union of Counties as provided for by this Provided always, nevertheless, firstly, that 14 no such petition shall be presented or acted upon, unless adopted and signed by such two-thirds, in the 16 month of February after their election or appointment, nor until a resolution declaratory of the ex- 18 pediency of presenting such petition shall have been adopted by a majority of such Townreeves for the 20 time being, present at two several meetings to be called for that purpose, by a majority of such Town-22 reeves for the time being, the one to be held some time in the month of February, in the year next 24 but one preceding that in which such petition shall have been so adopted and signed, and the other in 26 the month of February in the year next preceding

such last mentioned year: Provided also, secondly, 28 that every such Provisional Municipal Council

shall, from time to time, and at all times during its 30

the several Townships, Villages, and Towns in 32

continuance as such, consist of the Townreeves for

such Junior County.

Proviso: Petition must be adopted by two-thirds of the Town-reeves, after being voted at two yearly meetings.

Of whom the Provisional Council shall consist.

Provisional Council may purchase property for Court Houses and Gauls, and raise money for that purpose.

XI. And be it enacted, That every Provisional 34 Municipal Council crected by Proclamation as aforesaid, shall have all the powers in, over, and 36 with respect to such Junior County as is now by Law vested, or as hereafter may by Law be vested 38 in the different Municipal Councils in Upper Canada, so far as the same shall or may be requisite, 40 for the purchase or procuring of the necessary property on which to erect a Court House and Gaol, 42 for the erection of such Court House and Gaol, and for the raising, levying and collecting the ne- 44 cessary monies to defray the expenses of the same, and for remunerating the Provisional Officers em- 46 ployed or to be employed in or about the same: Provided always, that nothing herein contained 48 shall extend or be construed to extend in any way to interfere with the powers of the Municipal Coun- 50 cil of such Union, but all monies to be raised by such Provisional Municipal Council as aforesaid, 52 shall be independent of, and in addition to, any monies that may be directed to be raised by the 54

Municipal Council of such Union, under the pow-2 ers in them vested or to be vested by Law.

XII. And be it enacted, That every such Pro-4 visional Municipal Council shall have power in their discretion to appoint a Provisional Warden, a for such pur-6 Provisional Treasurer, and such other Provisional pose. Officers for such County as they may deem neces-S sary for the purchase or procuring of such property, the erection of such Court House and Gaol, the 10 safe keeping af such monies, and the protection and preservation of such property when thus ac-12 quired, which Provisional Warden, Treasurer and other Provisional Officers shall hold their offices 14 during the pleasure of such Provisional Municipal

And may appoint provisional Officers

XIII. And be it enacted. That every such Provisional Municipal Council shall be a Body Corpo-18 rate by the name of the Provisional Municipal Council of the County of

Council.

Council to be a Corporation.

20 (naming it,) and as such shall have all Corporate powers necessary for the purpose of carrying into 22 effect the object of their erection into such Provisional Municipal Council as herein provided, and 24 none other.

XIV. And be it enacted, That all monies di- How monies 26 rected to be assessed, levied and collected upon directed to be such Junior County by any By-Law of such Pro-28 visional Municipal Council, shall be assessed, levied and collected by the same persons and in the same 30 manner as the monies directed to be assessed, levied and collected by the Municipal Council of 32 the Union to which such County shall belong, and shall be paid over by the Collector thereof to the 34 Provisional Treasurer of such Junior County in the like manner as other monies are payable over to 36 the Treasurer of such Union: Provided always, firstly, that every Collector of such monies shall be 38 entitled to deduct and apply to his own use, for the trouble and responsibility of such collection, a 40 sum equal to two and a half per centum upon the monies paid over by him to such Provisional Trea-42 surer as aforesaid, and no more: Provided also, secondly, that the monies so collected shall in law 44 and equity be deemed and taken to be monies col-

lected for such Union, so far as to charge every 46 such Collector with the same, and to render him and his sureties responsible to such Union for such

50 from any such Collector or his sureties, shall, after

deducting the expenses of collection, be accounted 52 for to such Junior County, and paid over to the

raised shall be

Proviso: per centage to

Proviso: Collectors liable as for monics of the Union.

48 monies: And provided also, thirdly, that all such Monies to be monies recovered or received by any such Union accounted for to Junior County.

Provisional or other Treasurer thereof, so soon as the same shall be received.

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Junior County and union to make agreement as to debt.

XV. And be it enacted, That so soon as any such Provisional Municipal Council for any such Junior County as aforesaid, shall have purchased or procured the necessary property, at the County Town of such County, and erected thereon suitable buildings for the purposes of a Court House and Gaol, adapted to the wants of such County, and in conformity with any statutory, or other rules or 10 regulations in force respecting such buildings generally in Upper Canada, it shall and may be lawful 12 for such Provisional Municipal Council to enter into an agreement with the Municipal Council of 14 the Union to which such Junior County shall belong, for the adjustment and settlement of the pro- 16 portion, if any, of any debt due by such Union, and which it may be just that such Junior County, 18 on its being disunited from such Union, should take upon itself, with the time or times of payment 20 thereof; and every such agreement, so entered into, shall, both in law and equity, be and con-22 tinue to be binding upon such Junior County, and upon the County or Counties from which it shall be 24 disunited: Provided always, firstly, that none of the Municipal Council of such Union, who shall 26 also be members of the Provisional Municipal Council of such Junior County, shall take any part 28 or give any vote in the Municipal Council of such Union, on any question or matter touching or con-30 cerning such agreement or any proposal connected with the same: Provided also, secondly, that in 32 default of the said Municipal Council entering into any such agreement, the proportion of such debt, 34 to be assumed by such Junior County, shall be settled by the award of three Arbitrators, or the 36 majority of them, to be appointed so soon as such property shall have been purchased or procured, 38 and such Court House and Gaol crected as follows, that is to say, one by the Municipal Council of such 40 Senior County or Union of Counties, and the other by the Provisional Municipal Council of such Junior 42 County, and the third by such two Arbitrators thus

appointed: or in the event of such two Arbitrators 44 omitting to appoint such third Arbitrator within ten days next after their own appointment, then by the 46 Governor of this Province in Council: Provided

also, thirdly, that in case either such Municipal 48

shall omit for one calendar month after they shall 50

of such Councils, to appoint an Arbitrator on their 52 part as above provided, it shall and may be lawful for the Governor in Council to appoint an Arbitra-54

Council, or such Provisional Municipal Council,

have been called upon for that purpose by the other

Who may vote as to such agreement,

Arbitration in default of agreement:

Proviso:
Governor in
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tor on the part and behalf of such Municipal Coun-2 cil or Provisional Municipal Council so neglecting or omitting to appoint such Arbitrator, who shall, 4 in such case, have all the same powers as if he had been appointed by such Municipal Council, or Pro-6 visional Municipal Council, as the case may be: And provided also, fourthly, that every such sub-8 mission and award shall be subject to the jurisdiction of Her Majesty's Court of Queen's Bench for 10 Upper Canada, in like manner as if the same were by bond with an agreement therein, that such sub-12 mission might be made a Rule of that Court: And provided also, fifthly, that the portion, if any, of 14 such debt so agreed upon or settled, shall be a debt due from such Junior County to the County or 16 Counties from which it shall have been disunited, and shall bear legal interest from the day on which 18 the Union shall be actually dissolved, as hereinafter provided; and its payment shall be provided 20 for by the Municipal Council of such Junior County, after the dissolution of such Union, in like 22 manner as is or shall be required by law, with respect to other debts due by such Municipal Council, 24 in common with others, and in default thereof, may be sued for and recovered as any of such other 26 debts.

Award to be subject to jurisdiction of Queen's Bench.

Portion settled as due by Junior County to bear interest, and be provided for as other debts,

XVI. And be it enacted, That all assessments 28 imposed by the Municipal Council of any such Union, for the Calendar year in which any Procla-30 mation for disuniting any Junior County from such Union shall issue, as hereinafter mentioned, shall 32 belong to such Union, and shall be collected, accounted for, and paid over accordingly.

Assessments for the year to belong to the Union,

XVII. And be it enacted, That so soon as may be after such Provisional Municipal Council shall 36 make it appear, to the satisfaction of the Governor of this Province, in Council, that such property has 38 been purchased or procured, and such Court House and Gaol erected, and the proportion of the said 40 debt (if any) to be assumed by such Junior County shall have been adjusted or settled as aforesaid, a 42 Judge, a Surrogate, a Sheriff, at least one Coroner. a Clerk of the Peace, and, at least twelve Justices 44 of the Peace, shall be appointed for such Junior County, with a proviso in the Commissions appoint-46 ing them respectively, that such Commissions respectively shall not take effec to be inforce until 48 the day on which such Counties shall be disunited, as hereinafter provided: Provided always, never- Proviso as to 50 theless, that the sureties to be given by such Sheriss, as required by the Act of the Parisament of 52 the late Province of Upper Canada, passed in the 3. W.4. c. 8.

third year of the Reign of His late Majesty King

Appointment of Sheriff, Judges, Justiccs, &c. in the Junior County after separation.

the security to be given by the Sheriff under William the Fourth, numbered chapter eight, and intituled, An Act to make certain regulations relating to the office of Sheriff in this Province, and to require the several Sheriffs of this Province to give security for the due fulfilment of the duties of their office, and the affidavit of his qualification in respect of property required by the same Act, shall not be required to be entered into. made, or given, by any such Sheriff so appointed, within the time specified in that Act, but shall be 10 entered into, and made and given within the first six calendar months next after the Commission of 12 such Sheriff shall take effect as aforesaid, and in default of the same being duly entered into, made 14 and given, within such six months, such Sheriff shall, ipso facto, forfeit his office.

On 1st January next after the end of two months from the date of a Proclamation to be issued in that behalf, the Union shall be disselved, &c.

XVIII. And be it enacted, That so soon as such appointments shall be so made as aforesaid, it shall 18 and may be lawful for the Governor of this Province, in Council, by Proclamation, under the Great Seal 20 thereof, to declare such Junior County disunited from such Union, upon, from and after the first day 22 of January which shall occur next after three calendar months after the teste of such Proclamation, 24 and such Junior County shall, upon, from and after such first day of January, to be so named in the said 26 Proclamation, as aforesaid, be, to all intents and purposes whatsoever, disunited from such Union, and 28 if such Union shall have consisted of only two Counties, such Union shall, upon, from and after 30 such first day of January, be absolutely dissolved; if of more than two Counties, the remaining Coun- 32 ties shall remain united, and thereupon the said Provisional Municipal Council of such Junior County 34 shall, upon, from and after such day, lapse and be absolutely dissolved, and none of the Courts or Of- 36 ficers of the Senior County, or of the Union, shall, as such, have any jurisdiction or authority whatsoe- 38 ver in or over the said County so disunited from such Union as aforesaid, anything in their respec- 40 tive Commissions, or in any Act of Parliament either of this Province or the late Province of Upper 42 Canada, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Property in either County to become the property of that County.

XIX. And be it enacted, That upon the disuni-44 ting any such Junior County from any such Union, all the Public Property of such Union not situate, 46 lying and being within such Junior County, shall ipso facto become the sole property of, and be there-48 upon vested in the remaining County or Counties of such Union, and all the public property of such 50 Union situate, lying and being within the limits of such Junior County, shall ipso facto become the 52 sole property of and be thereupon vested in such Junior County.

2 MX. And be it enacted, That all Actions, Infor2 mations and Indictments pending at the time so appointed by Proclamation for the disuniting such
4 Junior County from such Union, shall be tried in
the Senior County, unless by order of the Court in
6 which the same shall be pending in Term time, or
of some Judge thereof in vacation, the Venue there8 in shall be changed to the Junior County, which
change every such Court or Judge is hereby autho10 rized to grant and direct, either on the consent of
parties, or in their or his discretion, on hearing such
12 parties to the point by affidavit or otherwise.

Provision as to cases pending at the dissolution of any Union.

XXI. And be it enacted, That upon any such 14 change of Venue, the records and papers of every such Action, Information and Indictment shall, when 16 necessary, be transmitted to the proper Offices of such Junior County.

Proceedings if the Venue be changed.

XXII. And be it enacted, That all and every the Rules and Regulations, provisions, matters and 20 things contained in any Act or Acts of the Parliament of this Province, or of the Parliament of the 22 late Province of Upper Ganada for the Regulation of or relating to Court Houses and Gaols, or either 24 or them, which shall be in force and operation at the time so appointed by Proclamation for disuniting 26 such Junior County from such Union as aforesaid, shall be and are hereby extended to the Court 28 House and Gaol of such County so disunited as aforesaid, and the said Courts of Assize, Nisi Prius, 30 Oyer and Terminer, Gaol Delivery, Sessions of the Peace, County, Surrogate, and every other Court 32 of the said Junior County required to be held at a certain place, shall be commenced, and from time to 34 time holden at the Court House so erected, and declared to be the Court House of such County by

Laws applicable to Gaols and Court Houses to become applicable to those in the Junior County, &c.

IV. Miscellaneous and Temporary Provisions.

36 such Proclamation as aforesaid, or any other that may be lawfully substituted for the same.

38 XXIII. And be it enacted, That the Townreeves of the different Townships, Unions of Townships, 40 Villages and Towns in the Counties of Kent and Lambton, shall form a Provisional Municipal Coun-42 cil for such Counties as united Counties, and such Provisional Municipal Council shall with respect 44 to such Counties have, possess and exercise all and singular the rights, powers, privileges and duties 46 hereby conferred, granted or imposed upon Provisional Municipal Councils generally, erected by Pro-48 clamation under the authority of this Act, and also all such powers as by an Act of the Parliament of

Provision as to the United Counties of Lambton and Kent,

this Province, passed in the Session held in the tenth and eleventh years of Her Majesty's Reign. intituled. An Act to divide the Western District of the Province of Canada, and for other purposes therein mentioned, were conferred upon the Township Councillors of the different Townships 6 of the said Counties; and such Provisional Municipal Council shall be charged with and liable to 8 any debt that may have been contracted by competent authority on behalf of the District by that Act-10 intended to be erected; and the Municipal Corporation of such United Counties, both Provisional and 12 Permanent, shall and they are hereby required to provide for the payment of every such debt, and in 14 default of their doing so, the same shall and may be sued for, recovered and levied by rate or otherwise, 16 as in the case of debts of any other Municipal Corporation in Upper Canada.

When the Union of the said Counties shall be dissolved.

XXIV. And be it enacted, That so soon as the Court House and Gaol now in course of being 20 erected under the authority of the said Act of Parliament last mentioned, shall have been completed, 22 according to the provisions of the said Act, and the other provisions of the fifteenth Section of this Act 24 shall have been complied with by the said United Counties of Kent and Lambton, it shall and may be 26 lawful for the Governor of this Province, in Council, to issue a Proclamation dissolving the Union 28 between the said United Counties of Kent and Lambton and the County of Essex; and from thence- 30 forth the said United Counties of Kent and Lambton shall form a Union of Counties, and all the pro- 32 visions of this Act applicable to Unions of Counties in general, shall be applicable to such Union to all 34 intents and purposes, as if such United Counties were set forth as such in the Schedule to this Act 36 annexed marked A:

Provision as to pending proceedings in the present Districts.

XXV. And be it enacted, That all actions, in-38 formations, indictments, inquisitions and other proceedings, of what nature or kind soever, whether 40 of a judicial or any other character, now pending in the several Districts in Upper Canada, shall from 42 henceforth be deemed and taken to all intents and purposes whatsoever, to be pending in the Counties 44 or Unions of Counties, to which they are respectively transferred, as respectively set forth in the 46: Schedule to this Act annexed, marked B, as if the same had been originally instituted and proceeded 48° with in such Counties or Unions of Counties respectively, and the different Courts, Officers and 50 other authorities, in which, or before whom, the same shall be respectively pending, shall take such 52: order respecting: the same, as may be necessary or:

expedient for the proper disposition of the same, 2 according to law, without prejudice to the parties interested or affected, or any of them, from the abo-4 lition of such Division into Districts, and the establishment of a Division into Counties in lieu thereof, 6 as herein provided.

XXVI. And be it enacted, That all the public 8 property, both real and personal, of the several Districts in Upper Canada, shall become the property 10 of, and the same is hereby conveyed and transferred to and vested in the Municipal Corporations of the 12 several Counties and Unions of Counties, to which respectively the Judicial and other proceedings 14 pending in such Districts respectively, are transferred by the last preceding Section of this Act, as set 16 forth in the said Schedule, to this Act annexed, marked B.

Property of Districts transferred to Counties and Unions.

XXVII. And be it enacted. That all Acts and parts of Acts and provisions of Law, of what na-20 ture or kind soever, in force in that part of this Province called Upper Canada, or any part thereof, 22 immediately before the passing of this Act, which shall be inconsistent with or contradictory to this 24 Act, or any part thereof, or which make any provision in any matter provided for by this Act, other

Acts, &c. inconsistent with this Act. repealed.

26 than such as is hereby made in such matter, shall, so far as the same shall be inconsistent with the pro-28 visions of this Act or any of them, be and the same is hereby so far repealed to all intents and purposes 30 whatsoever.

XXVIII. And be it enacted, That Her Majes- Who shall be 32 ty's Justices of the Peace and other persons holding Justices of the commission or office, or bearing lawful authority, Peace in Counties and 34 in the different Districts in Upper Canada, from Unions. which judicial and other proceedings are by this 36 Act transferred to the several Counties and Unions

of Counties in the same, as set forth in the Sche-38 dule to this Act annexed, marked B, shall continue

to hold, enjoy and exercise the like commission, of-40 fice, authority, power and jurisdiction, within the County or Union of Counties respectively, to which

42 such judicial; and other proceedings are hereby. respectively transferred as in the said Schedule set

44 forth, respectively, to all intents and purposes whatsoever, as if their respective commissions or other

46 authorities were expressed to be for such County. or Union of Counties, instead of for such District, 48 respectively.

XXIX. And be it enacted, That, this. Act may Act may be 50 be amended, altered or repealed by any: Act to be amended this passed in this present Session of Parliament.

SCHEDULE A.

Counties in Upper Canada united for judicial and other purposes.

- 1. Essex, Kent and Lambton,
- 2. Frontenac and Cataraqui,
- 3. Huren, Bruce and Brock,
- 4. Lanark and Renfrew,
- 5. Leeds and Grenville,
- 6. Lincoln, Haldimand and Welland.
- 7. Middlesex and Elgin,
- 8. Northumberland and Durham,
- 9. Peterborough and Victoria,
- 10. Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry,
- 11. Tecumseth and Simcoe,
- 12. Waterloo, Wellington, Grey and Peel, 13. Wentworth and Halton.

SCHEDULE B.

Counties and Unions of Counties in Upper Canade to which Judicial and other proceedings of the late Districts thereof are transferred respectively under this Act.

To

1.	Carleton—those	of the-	-Dalhousie D	istrict
2.	Essex, Kent	66	Western	"
3.	Frontenac and Cataraqui	"	Midland	"
4.	Hastings	"	Victoria	"
5.	Huron, Bruce and Brock	"	Huron	C(
6.	Lanark and Renfrew	"	Bathurst	"
7.	Leeds and Grenville	"	Johnstown	"
8.	Lincoln, Haldi- and & Welland	"	Niagara	"
9.	Midlesex and Elgin	"	London	66
	Norfolk	66	Talbot	46
11.	Northumberland and Durham	"	Newcastle	"
12.	Oxford	"	Brock	cc
13.	Peterborough and Victoria	66	Colborne	"
14.	Prince Edward	"	Prince Edw.	"
	Russell	46	Ottawa	"
16,	Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry	"	Eastern	"

17. Tecumseth & } Simcoe	"	Simcoe	"
18. Waterloo, Wellington Grey and Peel	"	Wellington	"
19. Wentworth and Halton	"	Gore	66
20. York	"	Home	"