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**An Act respecting the Representation
of the People in the Legislative As-
sembly.**

Received and read first time, Friday, 30th
March, 1860.

Second reading, Tuesday, 3rd April, 1860.

Hon. Mr. Atty. Genl. CARTIER.

An Act to amend the Act respecting the Representation of the People in the Legislative Assembly.

WHEREAS the Cities of Quebec and Montreal are each represented by three Members, and the City of Toronto by two Members, in the Legislative Assembly, and it is expedient that the said Cities respectively should be divided into Electoral Divisions each of which may be represented by one Member, as the other Electoral Divisions of the Province now are: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

Preamble.

1. The City of Quebec shall be divided into three Electoral Divisions, to be called respectively;

Quebec divided into three electoral divisions.

10 1. Quebec West, which shall consist of St. Peter's Ward, Champlain Ward, and so much of Montcalm Ward as lies south of the centre of Artillery street, and its prolongation parallel to La Grande Allée, to the City limits; with so much of the Banlieue as lies South of the said line prolonged to the Western Line of the said Banlieue;

15 2. Quebec Centre, which shall consist of Palace Ward, St. Louis Ward, St. John's Ward and so much of Montcalm Ward and of the Banlieue as will not be within Quebec West or Quebec East.

20 3. Quebec East, which shall consist of St. Roch's Ward and Jacques Cartier Ward, and that portion of the Banlieue to the North of a line prolonged towards the south-west from the southern extremity of Jacques Cartier Ward, along the *Cime du Cap* to the southwestern limit of the Banlieue.

2. The City of Montreal, shall be divided into three Electoral Divisions, to be called respectively:

Montreal divided into three electoral divisions.

25 1. Montreal West, which shall consist of St. Ann's Ward, St. Antoine Ward, and St. Lawrence Ward;

2. Montreal Centre, which shall consist of the West Ward, the Centre Ward and the East Ward;

30 3. Montreal East, which shall consist of St. Lewis Ward, St. James Ward and St. Marys Ward.

3. The City of Toronto shall be divided into two Electoral Divisions, to be called respectively:

Toronto divided into two electoral divisions.

1. West Toronto, which shall consist of all that part of the said City and the liberties thereof, lying West of the Centre line of Yonge Street ;

2. East Toronto, which shall consist of all that part of the said City and the liberties thereof lying East of the said centre line of Yonge street. 5

Each electoral division to return one member.

3. Each of the said Electoral Divisions shall be represented in the Legislative Assembly by one Member, and shall be dealt with as a separate City Electoral Division, under chapter six of the Consolidated Statutes of Canada, subject to the provisions of this Act. 10

As to Wards and parts of Wards in the said Cities.

4. Any portion of a Ward in any such Electoral Division, shall, as regards Polls and polling-places at any election under this Act, be considered and dealt with as a Ward; and that portion of the Banlieue within each of the said Electoral Divisions for the City of Quebec respectively, shall have within it one Polling place; and this Act shall not affect any enactment directing more than one polling place to be held in any Ward of Quebec or Montreal, and the Wards of the said last mentioned Cities for the purposes of this Act shall be and remain bounded as they are for municipal purposes at the time of the passing of this Act, notwithstanding any subsequent change which may be made for municipal purposes, unless it be otherwise directed by the Act establishing such new boundaries. 15 20

Who shall be Returning Officers.

5. The Sheriff of the District of Quebec shall be *ex officio* Returning Officer for each of the Electoral Divisions of the City of Quebec;—the Sheriff of the District of Montreal shall be *ex officio* Returning Officer for each of the Electoral Divisions of the City of Montreal; and the High Sheriff of the Counties of York and Peel shall be *ex officio* Returning Officer for each of the Electoral Divisions in the City of Toronto: 25 30

Provision when several Writs issue together for Divisions of the same City.

But at any General Election, or whenever in any case it happens that writs of Election issue at the same time, or so nearly at the same time that the one is not returnable before the other or others issue, for several Electoral Divisions for which the same Sheriff would, under the foregoing provisions, be *ex officio* the Returning Officer, then only one of such writs shall be directed to such Sheriff and the other or others to such other person or persons, qualified in the manner provided by the twenty-fifth section of chapter six of the Consolidated Statutes of Canada, as the Governor shall appoint to be the Returning Officer or Officers. 35 40

Commencement of this Act.

6. The foregoing provisions of this Act shall come into force, as regards each City mentioned therein, respectively, whenever the seats of all the Members representing such City in the Legislative Assembly become vacant, and not before. 45