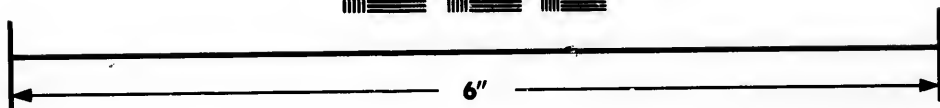
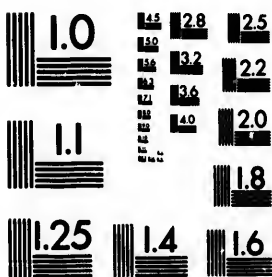


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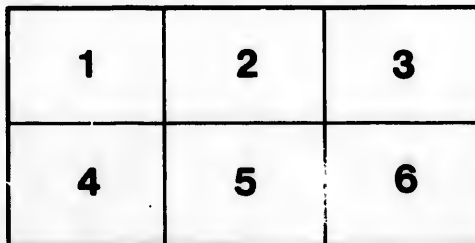
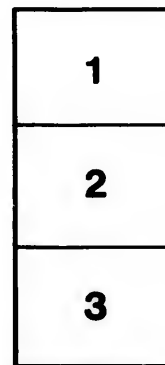
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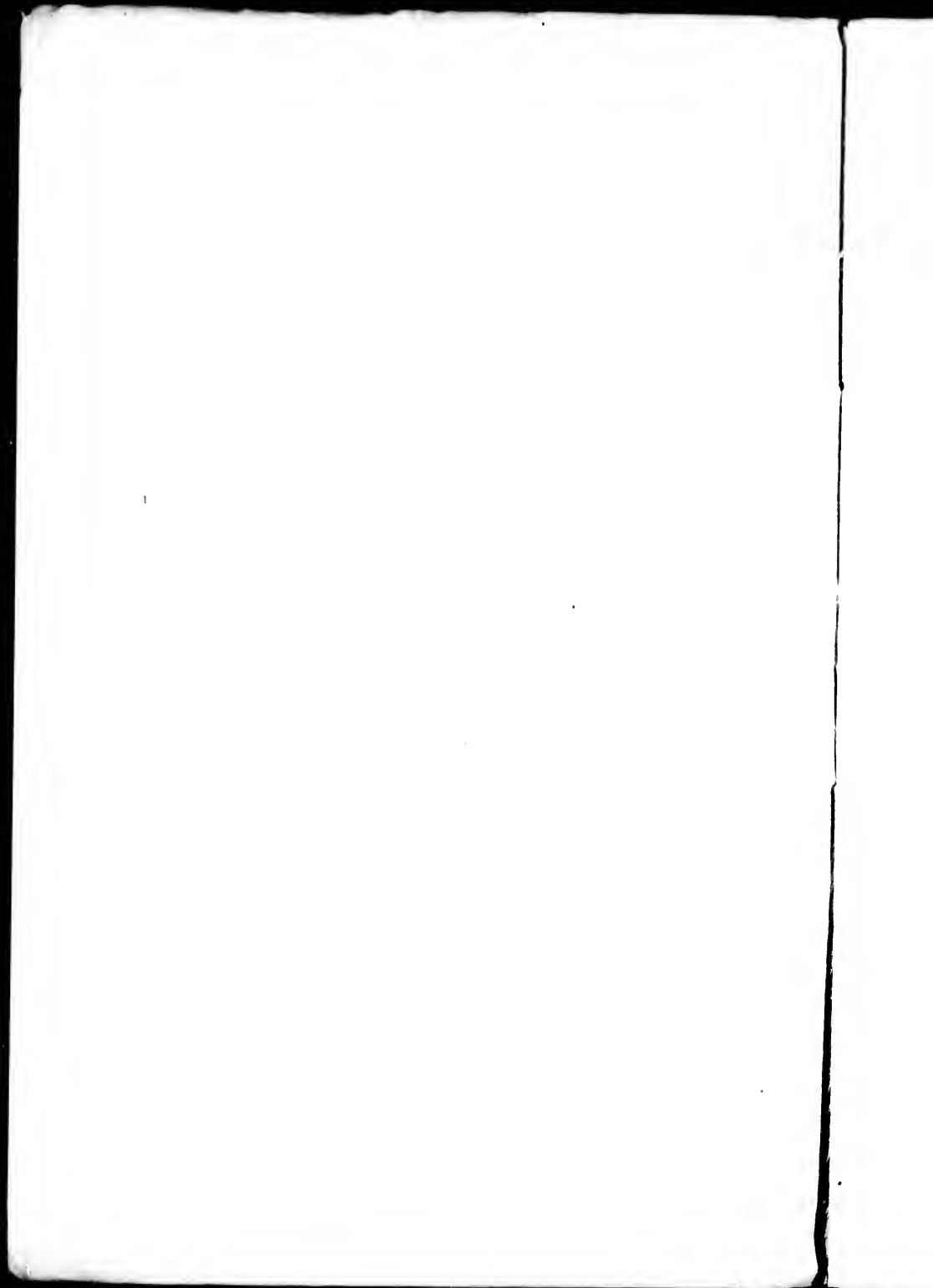
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CAP. XXIX.

An Act to amend the Lower Canada Consolidated  
Municipal Act.

[Assented to 18th May, 1861.]

**I**N amendment of the Lower Canada Consolidated Municipal Preamble. Act, chapter twenty-four of the Consolidated Statutes for Lower Canada: Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

SESSIONS OF COUNTY COUNCILS—ELECTION OR APPOINTMENT OF  
WARDEN, &c.

1. After paragraph six of section seventeen, the following paragraph shall be added: Section 17 amended.

“7. In case of the death of the Warden, the County Council, on special notice to be given by the Secretary-Treasurer, not later than twenty days after such death, shall meet for the purpose of electing from among its members another Warden; and the Warden so elected shall have the same powers and perform the same duties, as the Warden in whose place he is elected, and shall remain in office for the term during which the deceased Warden would have so remained.” Provision in case of the death of a Warden.

APPOINTMENT OF CERTAIN OFFICERS BY LOCAL COUNCILS.

2. The third paragraph of the twenty-second section is repealed. Par. 3 of Sect. 22, repealed.

POWERS COMMON TO ALL MUNICIPAL COUNCILS.

3. After paragraph twenty-seven of the twenty-fourth section, the following paragraph shall be added: Sect. 24 amended.

“28. Every Municipal Council may grant licenses to all public carters, residing within the limits of its Municipality, for Municipal Councils may



**license cart-ers.** the carriage and transport of stone, lime, sand and other articles within such limits ; and any person, who shall have obtained from the Council of the Municipality in which he resides, a carter's license, may convey and transport stone, lime, sand and other articles, taken from any place within the limits of the Municipality in which he resides, and from which he holds his license, within the limits of any neighboring Municipality, Town or City, without being compelled to pay to any such neighboring Municipality, Town or City, any taxes, charges or impositions whatsoever, by reason of such transport or carriage."

**Effect of such license.**

POWERS COMMON TO ALL LOCAL COUNCILS.

**Sect. 27 amended.** 4. After paragraph eighteen of section twenty-seven the following paragraphs shall be added :—

**Local Councils may pass By-laws for certain purposes.** "19. Every Local Municipal Council in Lower Canada, shall have power, at a meeting or meetings composed of a majority of the members thereof, to make By-laws which shall be binding on all parties concerned, for the following objects, that is to say :

**Preventing sale of liquors on Sundays.**

*First.* For preventing merchants, traders, pedlers, shop-keepers, hotel-keepers, tavern-keepers, and other persons keeping houses or places of entertainment within the limits of any Municipality, and all other persons, from selling or retailing on Sunday any goods, wares, or merchandise, wines, spirits or other intoxicating liquors, or purchasing and drinking the same in any hotel, tavern, house, or place of public entertainment, and also for the closing of all saloons and taverns from seven in the evening on Saturday, until the following Monday morning ; and every such Council may by such By-laws, give power and authority to enter any shops, stores, hotels, taverns, or houses whatsoever, within the limits of their jurisdiction, for the purpose of arresting, or causing to be arrested in the act, any persons so selling, retailing, offering or exposing, or buying, and drinking, or suspected of so selling, retailing, offering or exposing, or buying and drinking, as aforesaid ;

**Suppressing cruel amusements.**

*Secondly.* For preventing and suppressing dog-fights, cock-fights, and other cruel amusements, within the limits of their municipalities at any time, with power to arrest, or cause to be arrested in the act, all persons who shall be found taking part in, assisting at or directing, or who shall be suspected of taking part in, assisting at, or directing the same ;

**Suppressing horse racing, &c., on Sunday.**

*Thirdly.* For preventing and suppressing, on Sunday, all races with horses or other animals, on any race course, or other places specially set apart for horse racing, or in any other place whatsoever ; and also, the training of horses, either in pacing, trotting, galloping or otherwise, on such race courses or other places appropriated to that purpose ; with power to every such

**Taxing race-courses.**

Council to impose a tax on all proprietors, tenants or other occupants of such race-courses or other places appropriated or used for that purpose, for every day on which races shall take place, other than Sunday.

20. Any Local Council may prosecute before any Justice of the Peace any person selling by retail without license spirituous, vinous or alcoholic or intoxicating liquors, and also any person having a license who sells or retails such liquors on a Sunday, at any place within the Municipality; and for this purpose such Local Council is substituted for the Revenue Inspector of the district, and the judgment and the penalty imposed shall be the same and the penalty shall be distributed in the same manner, as if the Revenue Inspector was himself the prosecutor; and all laws respecting such suits shall apply in the same manner as if the prosecution were brought by the Revenue Inspector;

Councils may prosecute persons selling without license, in place of the Revenue Inspector.

21. Every Local Municipal Council shall have power to make By-laws for limiting the quantity of Gunpowder to be kept in any building or in any description of building, or within any extent of ground, in any part of the Municipality, whether such building be a magazine or otherwise, and for regulating the manner in which such Gunpowder shall be kept in any quantity and in any description of building, and for prescribing the construction of magazines or buildings in which any quantity greater than twenty-five pounds may be kept at one time, and the walls or fences by which they shall be surrounded and the distance thereof from such building, and the precautions which shall be taken by persons entering any such magazine or building, or conveying gunpowder to or from the same, or along any road within the Municipality, and for compelling the removal of any Gunpowder kept in any building or magazine contrary to any such By-law, or for authorizing the removal thereof by the officers of the Municipality,--and by any such By-law as aforesaid any such Municipality may impose a penalty not exceeding fifty nor less than twenty dollars for any offence against any such By-law or any contravention thereof, and may make such penalty payable for each day on which any such offence or contravention shall be committed or continue, and every such penalty shall be recoverable and applied in the manner provided by the said Act, with regard to other penalties imposed by By-laws of Municipal Councils; Provided that nothing in this provision shall apply to any Gunpowder or magazine belonging to Her Majesty.

May pass By-laws respecting the storage and carting of gunpowder.

Penalties.

Proviso.

SPECIAL POWERS OF TOWN AND VILLAGE COUNCILS.

5. After the paragraph twenty-seven of the twenty-eighth section the following paragraph shall be added,--

Sect. 28 amended.

" 28. The Municipal Council of any Town or Village may make By-laws for obliging the proprietors of lots to construct

Foot-paths.

and maintain foot-paths, either of plank or of stone, in front of their respective properties, and also underground drains and other works required for maintaining the streets in proper order."

ERECTION OF TOWNS AND VILLAGES.

Section 36 amended.

6. Section thirty-six of the said Act is hereby amended by the addition thereto of the following, as the twenty-second, twenty-third and twenty-fourth paragraphs thereof :

Erection of an incorporated village not to liberate the land in it from any municipal debts.

22. No erection of an incorporated village, past or future, whether effected by proclamation in ordinary course or by any special Act, shall be held to have liberated, or shall liberate, any land therein from liability for any assessment theretofore legally imposed and then due thereon, or by reason of any indebtedness whatsoever theretofore incurred and then subsisting, of the parish or township from which such village is detached ;

How the proportion of such debt, to be paid by the village, shall be fixed.

23. The local councils of such parish or township, and of such village, respectively, by mutual agreement, may ascertain and fix the total amount for which the lands within such village are so liable by reason of such indebtedness of the parish or township ; and in default of such agreement, such total amount shall be taken and shall stand as fixed by the values set upon the lands within the village and upon those within the remainder of the parish or township respectively, by the valuation roll of the parish or township then in force ; and the council of the parish or township may by suit recover from that of the village such amount ; and upon payment by the village to the parish or township, of such amount, whether fixed by agreement or otherwise, the lands within such village shall be wholly and for ever liberated from such liability ;

Division of surplus funds.

24. In like manner, if at the time of such erection, the parish or township has any surplus property or funds, the same may be divided between the parish or township on the one hand, and the village on the other, by mutual agreement, or in default of agreement shall be divided between them, according to the rule in the foregoing paragraph laid down.

WINTER ROADS.

Sect. 42 amended.

7. After the words " removal of the same," in the last lines but one of the first paragraph of the forty-second section, the following words shall be inserted : " or declaring that the parties bound to keep up the roads shall take down and replace such fences."

Winter roads across the St. Lawrence.

8. The eighth paragraph of the forty-second section is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor : " every such road across the St. Lawrence shall be traced out and main-

tained at the expense of and by the local municipalities lying along the St. Lawrence, and the said local municipalities may recover from the County Council, the expenses incurred for the maintaining of the said roads, upon presentation of a certified statement of such expenses by the Secretary-Treasurer of each such local municipality."

NEW PROCÈS-VERBAUX AND REPARTITIONS.

9. After the word "meeting," in the last line of the thirteenth paragraph of section forty-six, the following words shall be added: "but if the delegates, so forming a *quorum*, cannot agree upon the choice of a President, the Secretary-Treasurer attending the meeting, after having written on as many tickets as there are delegates present, the names of all the said delegates, (writing one name on each ticket,) shall ballot the said tickets, and the delegate whose name is first drawn shall be the President."

Sect. 46 amended.  
Ballot for Chairman of delegates.

APPORTIONMENTS.

10. After paragraph seven of the forty-seventh section, the following paragraph shall be added:

Sect. 47 amended.

"8. Any *procès-verbal* made under this Act may also be amended, altered or explained by a By-law of the Municipal Council; provided that such amendment, alteration or explanation be demanded by some party interested, and that public notice of the passing of such By-law has been previously given; and in case any such By-law be passed, it shall be the duty of the Secretary-Treasurer to register it in the same Roads Register in which the *procès-verbal* to which it relates is registered, and to note on the page which contains such *procès-verbal*, the fact that such *procès-verbal* is amended, altered or explained by a By-law entered at such a page.

*Procès-verbal* may be amended by By-law.  
Proviso.  
Registration of By-law.

PUBLIC WORKS MADE BY ASSESSMENT.

11. All the words in the first paragraph of the fifty-third section, after the word "Huntingdon" in the third line of the said paragraph, as far as, but not including, the word "and" in the fourth line of the said paragraph, shall be struck out and shall be deemed to have never been inserted, so as to place the Local Municipalities in the County of Bagot, composed of townships or parts of townships, on the same footing as other Municipalities which were not specially mentioned in the said section, and to the end that the said Municipalities may be deemed to have only been subject to the provisions of the second paragraph of the said fifty-third section of the said Act.

Sect. 53 amended as to municipalities in Bagot.

12. The said first paragraph of the said fifty-third section shall be further amended by striking out all the words after

Sect. 53 amended.

Payment of assessments in labour.

"next," in the eighth line thereof, and substituting the following: "be made and maintained by moneys to be raised for that purpose by assessment; provided, however, that the Councils of any of the local Municipalities above mentioned may at any time pass a By-law enacting that it shall be at the option of the parties whose properties shall have been assessed for the purposes above mentioned, either to pay the amount of such assessment in money or to compound therefor by the contribution of labor to the amount for which they are liable; and such By-law shall fix a scale or tariff of prices, in conformity with which the amount of labor to be performed in composition for the said assessment shall be calculated and ascertained."

Certain paragraphs of sect. 53, repealed.

13. The eleventh, twelfth, thirteenth and fourteenth paragraphs of the said fifty-third section are hereby repealed.

#### VALUATORS AND VALUATION.

Sect. 56, amended.

14. Instead of the words "within two months after the date of their appointment," in the first paragraph of the fifty-sixth section, the following words shall be substituted: "in the month of March or of April of the year appointed by this Act for making the Valuation Roll."

The same.

15. Instead of the words "within two months from the date of their appointment," in the tenth paragraph of the fifty-sixth section, the following words shall be substituted: "in the month of March or of April."

#### SALES OF PROPERTY.

Sectt 61 amended.

16. After paragraph fifteen of the sixty-first section the following paragraph shall be added:

Form of deed of sale of socage lands for taxes.

"16. Such deed of sale of lands in free and common socage may be in the following form:

Province of Canada, }  
County of . }

These are to witness, that in consideration of the sum of \_\_\_\_\_, paid to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Municipal Council of the County of \_\_\_\_\_, by \_\_\_\_\_, being the purchaser at Public Auction of the parcel or tract of land hereinafter mentioned, sold by such Secretary-Treasurer to pay assessments, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and \_\_\_\_\_, according to the law in that behalf, the said corporation of the County of \_\_\_\_\_, doth grant, bargain and sell, confirm and convey unto the said \_\_\_\_\_, his heirs and assigns for ever, all and singular that parcel or tract of land situate in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, in the said

County of \_\_\_\_\_, (insert here a description of the property); To have and to hold the premises hereby sold and conveyed, with their and every of their appurtenances, unto and to use of the said \_\_\_\_\_, his heirs and assigns forever.

In witness whereof, I \_\_\_\_\_, Secretary Treasurer of the Municipal Council of the said County of \_\_\_\_\_ have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said corporation, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and \_\_\_\_\_

Signed, sealed and delivered }  
in the presence of }  
A. B. }  
C. D. }

Secretary-Treasurer.

PENALTIES.

17. Instead of the words "twelve dollars," in the ninth paragraph of the sixty-second section, the words "from one to ten dollars," shall be substituted. Sect. 62 amended.

RECOVERY OF PENALTIES, TAXES, &C.

18. After the words "*such suit as aforesaid shall,*" in the eighth paragraph of the sixty-third section, the following words shall be inserted,—"*unless it is otherwise provided in this Act.*" Sect. 63 amended.

SUITS UNDER THIS ACT, DECLARATORY, TEMPORARY AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS.

19. The fourth subsection of the sixty-fourth section of the said Act is hereby so amended as to read as follows, and shall be interpreted and applied as if it had been originally so enacted : Sect. 64 amended

" 4. That according to the true intent and meaning of the said Act, of the Acts amending the same, and of this Act, no lot, in respect of which any such work shall be so performed, or materials furnished as aforesaid can hereafter be legally sold for the recovery of the value of any such work or materials, unless the person bound to perform or furnish the same shall have been specially notified and required to perform such work, or furnish such materials, or unless judgment had, or shall have been obtained against him for the amount of such value ; and no person bound to make or repair any front road, shall be liable to any suit or action in respect of the making or maintaining of such front road except for the penalties im- In what cases only land can be sold for work done in default of owner. To what penalty only persons are

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posed by the fifty-eighth section of the said Lower Canada Municipal and Road Act, and no part of the property of any such person shall be liable to seizure or sale on account of his default to make or maintain any such road, unless he shall have been specially notified and required, by an Inspector or Overseer of Roads, or some other Municipal Officer, to perform such work and furnish such materials."

Par. added to par. 10 of sect. 64.

**20.** The following provision shall be added to paragraph ten of the said sixty-fourth section :

"Suits for rates, taxes, or fines, against non-residents, may be instituted either within the limits of the Municipality in which they shall have been imposed, or in any court of justice having competent jurisdiction."

#### EXECUTION OF JUDGMENTS AGAINST MUNICIPALITIES.

Sect. 65 amended.

**21.** After paragraph four of the sixty-fifth section the following paragraphs shall be added :

Provision if there be no valuation roll.

**5.** And if there be no valuation roll then in force for the municipality, the Sheriff may require the valuator to make one, which they shall be bound to do within two months after such requisition,--and if there be no valuator or if the valuator do not make the valuation roll within the delay aforesaid, the Sheriff may inform the Governor of the fact by letter to the Provincial Secretary, stating also that he has a judgment to execute against the municipality, and the Governor may then appoint valuator for such municipality, who shall make a valuation roll for the same within two months after being required by the Sheriff so to do ;

If there were Valuators.

**6.** And if there are valuator for the municipality but they do not make the valuation roll within the delay aforesaid, then the valuator to be appointed by the Governor shall make it at the cost of the valuator in default, as provided in like cases by this Act ; but if there were no valuator, then the valuator appointed by the Governor shall make the valuation roll at the cost of the municipality ;

If there were none.

Costs.

**7.** Any costs incurred by the Sheriff in carrying the two next preceding paragraphs into effect, shall form part of his disbursements in the case and be levied accordingly.

#### APPEALS,—FROM LOCAL TO COUNTY COUNCILS.

Sect. 66 amended.

County Councils may amend or dis-

**22.** After the word "petition" in the last line of the first paragraph of the sixty-sixth section, the following words shall be added,--"but it shall, nevertheless, be lawful for the County Council of any of the Counties mentioned in the first paragraph of the fifty-third section of this Act, to revise and amend a

Valuation-Roll or *Procès-Verbal*, or to amend or disallow a By-law, at any one of its quarterly sittings, notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, and the notices shall in such case be given accordingly:”

allow Roll or P.-V. at its quarterly sittings.

2. The eighth paragraph of the said sixty-sixth section is repealed.

Par. 8 of s. 66, repealed.

LOCALITIES DECLARED TO BE MUNICIPALITIES.

23. Whereas the tracts of land hereinafter mentioned were, by Proclamation under the Great Seal of this Province, bearing date the eighteenth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, issued under the authority of the Act passed in the eighth year of Her Majesty's reign, and chaptered forty, declared to be and constituted municipalities under the said Act; and whereas the inhabitants of the said tracts have held the same to be municipalities under the provisions of the Lower Canada Municipal and Road Act of 1855, and under the said Lower Canada Consolidated Municipal Act now in force, and have elected municipal councillors and otherwise acted under the said Acts as local municipal corporations; and whereas doubts have arisen whether the said tracts did constitute local municipalities, inasmuch as they were not strictly townships nor parishes, and it is expedient to remove the said doubts and to confirm the said tracts as local municipalities: Therefore, it is declared and enacted as follows:

Recital.

1. The tract of land which, at the date of the Proclamation last above mentioned, formed and comprised the Seigniorship of Grand River, in the county of Gaspé, is and shall be a local municipality, by the name of the Municipality of Grand River;

Grand River.

2. The tract of land which, at the date of the said Proclamation, formed and comprised the Seigniorship of Pabos and Township of Newport, both in the said County of Gaspé, is and shall be a local Municipality, by the name of the Municipality of Newport;

Pabos and Newport.

3. The tract of land which, at the date of the said Proclamation, formed and comprised part of the Seigniorship of Shoolbred, and the Township of Nouvelle, in the county of Bonaventure, is and shall be a local municipality, by the name of the Municipality of Shoolbred;

Shoolbred and Nouvelle.

4. The said tracts of land shall be held to have been local municipalities from the time of the coming into force of the Lower Canada Municipal and Road Act of 1855, and shall continue to be such for all the purposes of the Lower Canada Consolidated Municipal Act, as if they were Township Municipalities.

The said tracts declared Municipalities.



icipalities, and their limits as such shall not be affected by the erection of any parish or parishes made, or hereafter to be made, except only in so far as any parish or part of a parish may, under the provisions of the Act last cited, be annexed to either of the said municipalities; and every by-law of either of such local municipalities, and every act done by either of them, shall be good and valid, provided it would have been good and valid if made or done by any other township municipality.

Village of St. Jean Baptiste, confirmed.

**24.** The tract of land designated in a Proclamation inserted in the number of *The Canada Gazette*, published by authority, under date of the fifth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, as being intended to form a separate municipality after the first day of January then next, under the name of the Corporation of the Village of Saint Jean Baptiste, shall be detached from the municipality of the Village of Côte Saint Louis, and shall form a distinct and separate municipality under the name aforesaid, from and after the passing of this Act; and the elections of municipal councillors of the said Corporation of the Village of Saint Jean Baptiste may be had in the manner provided by law, on the seventeenth day of the month of June, in the present year, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, in accordance with the twenty-first paragraph of the thirty-sixth section of the said Act.

Municipality of Whitton, constituted.

**25.** The townships of Whitton, Hampden and Marston, in the county of Compton, shall be disunited from the Municipality of Bury, for municipal purposes, and the said townships of Whitton, Hampden and Marston shall together, from and after the passing of this Act, form a separate local municipality to be called the Municipality of Whitton; and the first election for the choice of Councillors for the said Municipality of Whitton may be held on the second Tuesday in June or any subsequent day previous to the second Tuesday in January, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two, of which due notice shall have been given, and notwithstanding their union hereby enacted, the said townships of Marston and Hampden, or either of them, whenever they, or either of them, shall have the requisite population, may be detached therefrom in the ordinary course.

Municipality of Ste. Adèle, confirmed.

**26.** Whereas ever since the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, there has existed *de facto* a Municipal Corporation in the Counties of Terrebonne and Montcalm, under the name of "The Municipality of the Parish of Ste. Adèle," which has exercised exclusive municipal jurisdiction and authority over the following tract of land, that is to say:—1. The ninth, tenth and eleventh Ranges of the Township of Abercrombie; 2. All that part of the Côte St. Gabriel, in the continuation of the Seigniory of Mille Isles, west of the Rivière à Simon, which is not comprised within the tract known as

the Parish of St. Sauveur, the said part comprising nine lots ;  
 3. The first, second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth Ranges of the Township of Morin, which are in the County of Terrebonne, and the tenth and eleventh Ranges of the said Township of Morin, from number one to number twenty-five, both inclusive ;  
 4. The first ten lots of each of the eleven Ranges of the Township of Wexford, in the County of Montcalm ;—And whereas doubts have arisen whether a Parish Municipality really existed within the said limits,—therefore it is hereby declared and enacted, that the Municipality of the Parish of Ste. Adèle, in the Counties of Terrebonne and Montcalm, comprising the tract of land above described, is and shall be held to have been a Municipality legally established, notwithstanding that a small portion thereof lies within the County of Montcalm ; and all By-laws, acts and proceedings of the said Municipality are and shall be valid, and the Mayor, Councillors, Secretary-Treasurer and Officers of the Municipality, shall be held to have been validly elected and appointed, as if no such doubt as aforesaid had existed :

2. That part of the Township of Wexford, in the County of Montcalm, which forms part of the said Municipality, shall be held to form part of the County and District of Terrebonne, for Municipal purposes only, and as regards the jurisdiction of the Courts in Municipal matters only ; but shall for all other purposes remain part of the County of Montcalm and of the District of Joliette ;

As to part of township of Wexford.

3. The remainder of the Township of Morin, which lies in the County of Terrebonne and the Township of Beresford, shall continue to be annexed to the said Municipality of the Parish of Ste. Adèle, until they shall be legally separated from it.

As to part of township of Morin.

27. From and after the passing of this Act, the territory which, being without the present limits of the city of St. Hyacinth, is included within the present limits of the parish of St. Hyacinthe le Confesseur, and is situated partly in the county of St. Hyacinth and partly in the county of Bagot, is hereby declared to form a separate and distinct Municipality under the name of the Municipality of the parish of St. Hyacinthe le Confesseur, and the elections of Municipal Councillors for the said Municipality shall be held in the manner provided by law, on the seventeenth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, in conformity with the twenty-first paragraph of the thirty-sixth section of the said Act ; but any tax or rate now due shall be payable to the Municipality which shall have imposed such, in the same manner as though the Municipality constituted by this section had never been erected, and the said Municipality hereby erected shall, for Municipal purposes, be attached to the county of St. Hyacinth.

Part of parish of St. Hyacinth outside the City to be a Municipality.

United town-  
ships of New-  
port, Ditton,  
Chesham,  
Clinton and  
Aukland, de-  
clared a Mu-  
nicipality.

**28.** Whereas doubts have existed as to the legality of the organization of the United Townships of Newport, Ditton, Chesham, Clinton and Aukland, in the Counties of Compton and Beauce, as a local municipality; it is declared that the said Townships, since the date of their Election of a local Council, in the month of July, eighteen hundred and fifty-five, as such municipality, have been and are such municipality legally organized by the name of the Corporation of the United Townships of Newport, Ditton, Chesham, Clinton and Aukland; And all By-laws, acts and proceedings of the Council and officers thereof, being otherwise legal and regular, have been and are hereby declared to be legal as the By-laws, acts and proceedings of the Council and officers of a duly constituted local municipality, and the said Townships may hereafter be separated in the ordinary way under the provisions of the Act hereby amended.

**29.** No proceedings heretofore taken or had under the said Act, shall be invalid by reason of the public notice referred to in the sixth section of the said Act, not having been published as therein provided, in the English and French languages.

#### INTERPRETATION.

Interpretation  
of this Act.

**30.** In this Act the sections referred to are those of the Lower Canada Consolidated Municipal Act,—the paragraphs referred to are the paragraphs or sub-sections of the said Act,—and the lines are those in the first official edition of the Consolidated Statutes for Lower Canada; and this Act shall be construed as one Act with the Lower Canada Consolidated Municipal Act, and any citation of or reference to the “Lower Canada Consolidated Municipal Act,” hereafter made, shall mean the said Act as amended by this Act.

Citation of the  
Act amended,  
to include this  
Act.

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