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An Act to limit the area of Towns and  
Villages.

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## An Act to limit the area of Towns and Villages.

**WHEREAS** it is expedient to fix some certain determinate proportion between the areas of all Towns and Incorporated Villages and the population thereof; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:—

Preamble.

1. No Town or Village incorporated after the passing of this Act, the population of which does not exceed one thousand souls, shall extend over or occupy within the limits of the incorporation an area of more than two hundred acres of land. Area of Town &c., of 1000 souls or less, limited.
- 10 2. No Town or Village already or hereafter incorporated and containing a population exceeding one thousand souls, shall make any further addition to its limits or area, except in the proportion of not more than one hundred acres for each additional thousand souls, subsequent to the first thousand. Area of Town, &c., of more than 1000 souls, limited.
- 15 3. In the case of all Towns or Villages, now incorporated, wherever the area thereof exceeds the proportionate limit above prescribed, to wit, in all cases where the area exceeds the proportion of two hundred acres for the first thousand souls, and one hundred acres for each subsequent additional thousand, then in all such cases the said Towns or Villages shall not be permitted to make any further addition to their limits, until their population shall have reached a proportion as aforesaid to their present area. Area of Towns, &c., exceeding above proportion not to be increased, &c.
- 20 4. But in all cases the persons then actually inhabiting the land about to be included within the limits of any Town or Village, may, for the purpose of such extension only, be held and reckoned as among the inhabitants of such Town or Village. Inhabitants of new limits to be reckoned.
- 25 5. The County Council of any County or union of Counties in Upper Canada, may, in their discretion, upon the application by Petition of the Corporation of any Incorporated Village, whose outstanding obligations and debts do not exceed the net amount of the yearly rate, then last levied and collected therein, by By-Law in that behalf, reduce the area of such village by excluding from it lands used wholly for farming purposes: provided that such By-Law shall define, by metes and bounds, the new limits intended for such Incorporated village: And provided also, that no Incorporated village shall, by any such change of boundaries be reduced in population below the number of seven hundred and fifty souls: And provided further, that the Municipal privileges and rights of such village shall not thereby be diminished or otherwise interfered with as respects the remaining area thereof. Area of Village may be reduced. Proviso. Proviso. Proviso.