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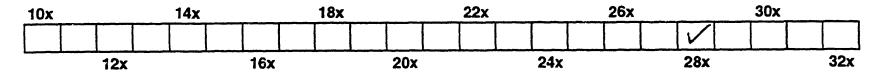
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No. 295. (LOCAL BILL.)

1st Session, 4th Parliament, 16 Victoria, 1853.

BILL.

To regulate the Elections of Churchwardens (marguillers) in the Parishes of Notre Dame de Québec, St. Roch's de Québec, and elsewhere.

Received and read a first time, Wednesday, 16th March, 1853.

Second reading, Monday, 21st March, 1853.

Mr. Dubord.

QUEBEC:

An Act to regulate the Elections of Churchwardens (marguillers) in the Parishes of Notre Dame de Québec. St. Roch de Québec, and elsewhere.

WHEREAS it is expedient that Churchwardens (marguillers) Preamble. in the Parishes of Notre Dame de Québec and St. Roch de Québec, and any other Roman Catholic Parish hereafter to be erected out of the territory now comprised within the said Parishes, 5 or either of them, should be elected in the manner hereinafter prescribed and by persons duly qualified, and to define what persons are qualified to vote at such Elections; Be it therefore declared Who may vote and enacted, &c. And it is hereby declared and enacted by the at Elections. authority of the same, That all Pewholders in the Churches of the 10 said Parishes respectively and they only, are and shall be qualified to vote at the Elections of Churchwardens therein.

II. And be it enacted. That in the said Parishes, all Elections of All Elections Churchwardens shall take place as hereinafter provided; any usage to be had in the following or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

15 lst. Notice of the Election of a Churchwarden to succeed the Notice. Churchwarden going out of office in the Banc de l'œuvre et Fabrique of any Roman Catholic Church entitled to elect Churchwardens, in any of the said Parishes, shall be given from the pulpit at parochial mass, by the Curé or other person officiating in 20 the Church, on the Sunday next but one before the first day of January in each year.

2ndly. The nomination of candidates shall take place on the Nomination. following Sunday, after Vespers, and if there are several candidates, Voting. the voting shall commence on the day following, at eight in the 25 forenoon, and terminate at five in the afternoon of the same day, when the person presiding at the said Election shall declare duly elected the person having the greatest number of votes.

3rdly. The Churchwarden going out of office (or in the event of Declaration of his absence from illness or any other cause, the second Church-result of elec-30 warden.) shall preside at the said Election, which shall be held in

Who shall preside.

His powers and duties.

the Sacristy of the Church, or other place in which meetings for a like purpose are usually held in the Parish; but he shall not vote at such Election except the votes be equally divided, when he shall be entitled to a casting vote; he shall appoint a Clerk to take down the names of the voters, and shall make a return of the said 5 Election before the said first day of January.

Person presiding and his Clerk to be sworn.

4thly. Before taking down the said votes, the Churchwarden so presiding and the Clerk by him appointed, as aforesaid, shall be respectively sworn before a Justice of the Peace faithfully and impartially to perform the duties assigned to them respectively, under 10 this Act.

Penalty for obstructing proceedings. III. And be it enacted, That if any person shall wilfully obstruct the operation of this Act, or refuse or neglect to perform any of the duties herein assigned to him, he shall forfeit for every such offence a sum not exceeding twenty-five pounds currency, recoverable before 15 any Court of competent jurisdiction.

Extent of Act.

IV. And be it enacted, That this Act shall apply to all Parishes which may hereafter be erected out of any part of the territory now comprised within either of the said Parishes of Notre Dame de Quebec and St. Roch's de Quebec, and to all Roman Catholic 20 Churches therein which may be entitled to Churchwardens.

Public Act.

V. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be a Public Act.