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**BILL.**

An Act to facilitate the separation of Huron and Bruce, and to appoint Walkerton the County Town of the County of Bruce.

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An Act to facilitate the separation of Huron and Bruce and to appoint Walkerton the County Town of the County of Bruce.

**WHEREAS** doubts and difficulties have arisen, which make it expedient and necessary to make better provision for the separation of the United Counties of Huron and Bruce, and to appoint a County Town for the County of Bruce; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

1. The Act passed in the session held in the twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth years of Her Majesty's Reign, Chapter seventy-seven hereby repealed, but all Acts repealed by the said Act, nevertheless shall remain repealed.

2. The By-law of the Provisional Council of the County of Bruce, passed on the twenty-second day of February, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, appointing a Building Committee to proceed with the erection of County buildings at Walkerton, and all Acts proceeding and expenditures done, taken and made in pursuance thereof, are hereby legalized and declared valid; and the sum of six thousand pounds provided by By-laws, of the said Council for the erection of County Buildings, shall be applied towards the erection of County Buildings at Walkerton.

3. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the forty-sixth and subsequent sections of chapter fifty-four of the Consolidated Statutes for Upper Canada, the said Provisional Council may, before the said County Buildings are completed, enter into an agreement with the County of Huron for the payment of such part of the debts of the Union as may be just, and for determining the amount to be paid and the times of payment; and such agreement shall be made in the manner provided in such cases in the said chapter fifty-four of the Consolidated Statutes for Upper Canada, and shall have the same effect as if made after the completion of the County Buildings.

4. It shall be lawful for the Governor in Council at any time after the passing of this Act, on being satisfied that the accounts between the said Counties have been adjusted, and that the Gaol for the County of Bruce has been completed, and the Court House is in course of erection, and adequate temporary accommodation provided by the said Provisional Council for holding the courts for the said County of Bruce, and without its being requisite that the County Court House should be first completed, to separate the County of Bruce from the County of Huron, by Proclamation, and such separation shall take effect from the date of such Proclamation, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the fifty-first section of the Act last above cited.

**Application of law respecting jurors**      **5** The provisions of chapter thirty-one of the Consolidated Statutes for Canada, in relation to the preparation of Jurors' Books, upon the dissolution of any union of Counties, and generally the provisions of any Act or Acts in relation to the proceedings consequent upon such dissolutions, shall apply to the separation of the Counties of Huron and Bruce, affected in pursuance of this Act. **5**

**As to preparation of jurors' lists**      **6** The selectors of Jurors from the Jurors' Rolls for the United Counties of Huron and Bruce, under the fifty-first section of the said Act, respecting Jurors and Juries, as amended by twenty-sixth Vic., Chap. forty-four, Sec. five, shall in all selections of Jurors hereafter made by them, select the Jurors for the said United Counties from from the names of residents of the County of Huron only, and shall also select an equal number from the names of residents in the County of Bruce, and separate Jury lists shall be made from such Rolls, for the United Counties and for the County of Huron, from the Roll of Jurors resident in Huron, and for the County of Bruce (but to be used only in case of separation) from the Roll of Jurors residents in Bruce; and in case of a dissolution of the Union during the year succeeding such selection and the making of such lists, the Jurors for each of the said Counties shall be the persons resident in such County, whose names have been so selected and entered on the Jury list for each County. **10**  
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**As to costs on certain legal proceedings**      **7.** The said Provisional Council of the County of Bruce, shall pay all such costs incurred before eighteenth day of August, 1865, as shall be taxed on all legal proceedings against the said Provisional Council, by reason of their having passed or acted upon the By-law hereby confirmed, or their having proceeded to erect the said County Buildings at Walkerton as aforesaid, or by reason of any thing done by the said Council, and hereby legalized **25**

**Public Act**      **8.** This Act shall be deemed a Public Act.