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Commons

HER Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows :

1. Subsection 2 of section 3 of chapter 6 of the Revised Ontario
5 Statutes of Canada, subsection 2 of section 2 of chapter 11 of electoral
the statutes of 1892, and section 1 of chapter 6 of the statutes districts.
of 1893 are hereby amended as follows :—
- (a.) The electoral districts of Bothwell, Cardwell and West R.S.C., c. 6;
Ontario are abolished ; 1892, c. 11 ;
1893, c. 6.
- 10 (b.) The electoral districts of the counties of Kent, Lambton, Huron, Bruce, Grey, Wellington, Perth, Middlesex, Elgin, Oxford, Norfolk, Brant, Haldimand, Welland, Lincoln, Wentworth, Peel, Dufferin, Simcoe, York and Ontario, and the districts of Muskoka and Parry Sound, shall consist of the
15 several townships, villages, towns and cities and other lands declared by chapter 3 of the "Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1897," intituled "An Act respecting the Territorial Division of Ontario for Municipal and Judicial purposes," to constitute
20 the said respective counties and districts, except that, for the purposes of this Act, the county of Middlesex shall not include the City of London or any portion thereof, the county of Wentworth shall not include the City of Hamilton or any portion thereof, and the county of York shall not include the City of Toronto or any portion thereof ;
- 25 (c.) The electoral district of the City of London shall consist of the City of London and shall return one member ;
- (d.) The electoral district of the City of Hamilton shall consist of the City of Hamilton and shall return two
members ;
- 30 (e.) The electoral district of the City of Toronto shall consist of the City of Toronto and shall be divided into four electoral districts each of which shall return one member ;
- (f.) The counties of Dufferin, Haldimand, Lincoln, Peel, Welland and Wentworth, the territorial district of Muskoka,
35 and the territorial district of Parry Sound shall each be an electoral district and shall each return one member ;
- (g.) The counties of Brant, Elgin, Lambton, Norfolk, Ontario, Oxford and Perth shall each be divided into two electoral districts each of which shall return one member ;
- 40 (h.) The counties of Kent, Huron, Bruce, Grey, Middlesex, Simcoe, Wellington and York shall each be divided into three electoral districts, each of which shall return one member.

Commissioners to make certain divisions.

2. Where, under the foregoing provisions, any county or city is to be divided into more than one electoral district, such division shall be made by a Board of Commissioners, consisting of at least three persons, being judges of the Supreme Court of Judicature for Ontario, who, for that purpose, shall be appointed by letters patent under the Great Seal, and who shall divide each such county or city into the number of electoral districts by this Act assigned to it. 5

Directions to commissioners.

2. The letters patent appointing the commissioners shall direct them, in making the divisions, to consider the distribution of population according to the latest census of Canada, the public convenience, and such divisions as appear to them best calculated to do substantial justice. 10

Filling of vacancies.

3. In case of the death, resignation, or refusal to act, of any one or more of such commissioners, a successor or successors shall in like manner be appointed. 15

Commissioners' reports.

4. The commissioners shall complete such divisions within a time to be limited by the said letters patent, and shall report such divisions to the Secretary of State, making a separate report as to each electoral district so set apart by them, and shall set forth in such report the boundaries of the electoral district to which such report refers and the municipalities comprised therein, and assign an appropriate designation to such electoral district. 20

Majority to govern.

5. Each report shall be signed by the commissioners or, in case of disagreement, by a majority of them; and the report of the majority of the commissioners shall be the report of the commissioners. 25

Electoral districts constituted.

6. Upon the receipt by the Secretary of State of the reports of the commissioners completing such divisions, the territories by such reports described as constituting the electoral districts into which the said city and counties are so divided shall, subject to the provisions of section 6 of this Act, become and be electoral districts as if they had been set apart and established as such by this Act. 30

Publication of reports.

7. Each separate report shall be published by the Secretary of State in the *Canada Gazette* forthwith after its receipt by him. 35

Quebec electoral districts.

3. In the Province of Quebec, the following changes shall be made in the electoral districts as constituted under chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes, chapter 11 of the statutes of 1892, and chapter 6 of the statutes of 1893:—

(a.) The parish of Lavaltrie is transferred from the electoral district of L'Assomption to the electoral district of Berthier;

(b.) The Indian village and reserve of Caughnawaga is transferred from the electoral district of Chateauguay to the electoral district of Laprairie and Napierreville; 45

(c.) The parish of Lacolle, together with the islands situated in the river Richelieu opposite thereto, is transferred from the electoral district of Missisquoi to the electoral district of St. John's and Iberville; 50

(d.) The parishes of Notre Dame de Stanbridge and Notre Dame des Anges de Stanbridge, together with the islands situated in the river Richelieu opposite thereto, are transferred from the electoral district of St. John's and Iberville to the electoral district of Missisquoi; 55

(e.) The parish of St. Pie is transferred from the electoral district of Rouville to the electoral district of Bagot ;

(f.) The parish of St. Marcel is transferred from the electoral district of Bagot to the electoral district of Richelieu ;

5 (g.) The parish of St. Eugène de Grantham, now in the electoral district of Bagot, is transferred therefrom to the electoral district of Drummond and Arthabaska ;

(h.) The parishes of St. Nazaire and Ste. Christine, as municipally constituted, shall be included in the electoral district of
10 Bagot, and that electoral district, as reconstituted, shall consist of the town of Acton, the village of Upton, and the parishes of St. André d'Acton, St. Ephrem d'Upton, Ste. Helène, St. Hugues, St. Liboire, St. Pie, Ste. Rosalie, St. Simon, St. Théodore d'Acton, St. Dominique, St. Nazaire and Ste. Christine ;

15 (i.) The parishes of St. Guillaume d'Upton and St. Bonaventure d'Upton are transferred from the electoral district of Drummond and Arthabaska to the electoral district of Yamaska ;

(j.) The parishes of Ste. Eulalie and St. Samuel shall be in
20 and form part of the electoral district of Nicolet ;

(k.) All that part of the township of Stanfold, to wit : the first twelve lots in the first three ranges of the said township, which forms part of the parish of Notre Dame de Lourdes, in transferred from the electoral district of Drummond and
25 Arthabaska to the electoral district of Megantic.

4. Paragraph (b) of subsection 5 of section 2 of chapter 11 of the statutes of 1892 is hereby repealed and the following is substituted therefor:— New Brunswick.

30 “(b.) The electoral district of the county of St. John shall consist of the county of St. John only.”

5. Subsection 6 of section 2 of the said Act is hereby repealed and the following is substituted therefor:— Prince Edward Island.

“6. In the province of Prince Edward Island there shall be three electoral districts, designated as follows:—

35 “(a.) The electoral district of Prince, which shall consist of the county of Prince, and shall return two members ;

40 “(b.) The electoral district of Queen's, which shall consist of the county of Queen's, and shall return two members ;

“ (c.) The electoral district of King's, which shall consist of the county of King's, and shall return one member.”

6. Nothing herein contained shall operate so as to change the constitution of the electoral districts as they now exist
45 until the dissolution of the present Parliament. When changes shall take effect.