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No. 219.

3rd Session, 6th Parliament, 23 Victoria, 1860.

BILL.

Bill to amend the Act 22nd Vic., Cap. 111,
and to provide for the selection of the
County Town of Bruce.

[LOCAL BILL.]

Received and read, 1st time, Tuesday, 24th
April, 1860.

Second reading, Thursday, 26th April, 1860.

Mr. HOLMES.

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Act to amend the Act 22nd Vict., cap. 111, intituled: "An Act to provide for the selection of a County Town for the County of Bruce, and to make further provision for the selecting of the County Town for the aforesaid County of Bruce.

WHEREAS, by an Act passed in the 22nd year of Her Majesty's Reign, chapter 111, intituled: "An Act to provide for the selection of a County Town for the County of Bruce," it was provided that the selection of the County Town for the said County should be left to the decision of the Governor in Council; And whereas, up to the present time, no decision appears to have been arrived at by the aforesaid authority; And whereas it is expedient and necessary that such selection should be made as soon as possible; Her Majesty, therefore, enacts:

Preamble.
22 Vic. c. 111.

1. The second, third and fifth sections of the above recited Act shall be repealed.

Sections 2, 3,
5 repealed.

2. The selection of the County Town for the County of Bruce shall be left to the decision of the Municipal Electors of the said County, to be determined by a vote of such Electors, to be taken on the second Tuesday of the month of June next, after the passing of this Act, in the manner hereinafter provided.

County Town
to be chosen
by vote of
election.

3. It shall be the duty of the Town Clerk of each Municipality within the County of Bruce, to put up on or before the 1st day of June next, after the passing of this Act, a notice in the form in Schedule A to this Act annexed, in not less than five public places within his Municipality.

Notice.

4. That, on the second Tuesday of the month of June aforesaid, the Township Clerk shall proceed to the place mentioned in the aforesaid notice, and shall then and there take the votes of the Municipal Electors then present in a book to be prepared for that purpose, with columns headed as in the form marked Schedule B. No Elector shall be entitled to vote for more than one place, and none shall be entitled to vote except such persons as are now by law entitled to vote for Municipal Councillors.

Taking ten
votes.

5. That the meeting shall commence at the hour of 9 o'clock in the morning and shall close at the hour of 6 o'clock in the afternoon, unless it shall appear that all persons intending to vote has voted, and one full hour shall have elapsed and no vote has been given, in which case the Returning Officer may close the poll at 4 o'clock, or at any time between 4 o'clock and 6 o'clock.

Hours of
voting.

6. That after the close of the poll, the Returning Officer shall add up the number of votes given for each place, and shall, within four days after the day of polling, furnish the Provisional Warden of the County of Bruce with a correct copy of the poll-book, so taken, to which shall be appended a declaration to the following effect:

Return to
Provisional
Warden.

I, _____, Returning Officer for the Municipality of _____, do solemnly declare that the foregoing poll-book is a correct copy of the poll taken by me at _____, on Tuesday, the _____ day of June, for the purpose of selecting the County Town of the County of Bruce, and that I have faithfully and truly taken the vote on that occasion to the best of my skill and ability, according to the Act _____ [here quote this Act,] _____, Returning Officer.
Taken before me this _____ day of June, 1860.

J. P.

Penalty for neglect by any Town Clerk.

7. Every Town Clerk within the aforesaid County of Bruce failing to comply with the aforesaid requirements, shall be liable to a fine of one hundred dollars, to be levied off his goods and chattels, one-half of such penalty shall belong to the person who shall prosecute and the other half to the Municipality.

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Declaring the Town chosen.

8. That it shall be the duty of the Provisional Warden, within ten days after the aforesaid returns should have been made or are made, to call a Meeting of the Provisional Council and then and there to add together the votes from the several returns so received for each separate place, and the place having the greatest number of votes shall be declared the County Town.

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Report to Prov. Secretary.

9. That the Secretary of said Provisional Council shall immediately after the declaration of the County Town transmit to the Provincial Secretary, a full and correct statement of the whole proceedings, with the number of votes recorded for each place, and the place declared by the County Council to be the County Town.

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Purchase of land, &c.

10. That the amount raised, or to be raised, under Section four in the before recited Act, shall be applied in the erection of County buildings, and the purchase of land, if requisite, for the erection of County buildings thereon.

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Public Act.

11. This Act shall be a Public Act.

SCHEDULE (A) REFERRED TO IN THIS ACT.

NOTICE.

The Municipal Electors of the Municipality of _____ are hereby notified that a Public Meeting will be holden at _____, being the place where the first Meeting of the Municipal Council for this present year has been held, for the purpose of selecting the County Town for the County of Bruce from the following places, namely, Southampton, Inverhuron, Paisley, Kincardine, Greenock, Town Plot, and Walkertown. Polling to commence at nine o'clock.

DATED this _____ day of June, 1860.

Returning Officer.

