

CAP. XIII.

An Act to re-adjust the Representation in the House of Commons.

[Assented to 14th June, 1872.]

WHEREAS, by the Census of the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one, and in accordance with the *“British North America Act, 1867,”* the Province of Ontario is entitled to six additional members in the House of Commons, the Province of Nova Scotia to two additional members, and the Province of New Brunswick to one additional member, the same being severally in excess of the number of members of the House of Commons for each of the said Provinces, as provided by the British North America Act, 1867: And whereas it is expedient otherwise to re-adjust the boundaries of certain of the electoral districts; Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:—

1. The House of Commons shall consist of Two hundred members, of whom Eighty-eight shall be elected for Ontario, Sixty-five for Quebec, Twenty-one for Nova Scotia, Sixteen for New Brunswick, Four for Manitoba, and Six for British Columbia.

Preamble.
Representation of each Province.

2. The Provinces of Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, shall, for the purposes of the election of Members to serve in the House of Commons, continue to be divided into the Electoral Districts established by the *“British North America Act, 1867,”* each represented as it now is, except where altered by this Act, as follows, that is to say:—

Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick, to remain as at present, except where expressly altered.

ONTARIO.

1. The County of Huron shall be divided into three Ridings, to be called respectively the North, the Centre and the South Riding, each of which shall be an Electoral District and shall return one member;

The North Riding to consist of the Townships of Howick, Ashfield, West Wawanosh, East Wawanosh, Morris and Turnberry;

The Centre Riding to consist of the Townships of Colborne, Hullet, McKillop, Tuckersmith, Grey, the Town of Goderich and the Village of Seaforth;

The South Riding to consist of the Townships of Goderich, Stanley, Hay, Stephen, Osborne and the Village of Clinton.

2. The County of Grey shall be divided into three Ridings, to be called respectively the North, the East, and the South Riding, each of which shall be an Electoral District, and shall return one member;

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The North Riding to consist of the Townships of Holland, Sullivan, Sydenham, Derby, Sarawak, Keppel and the Town of Owen Sound ;

The East Riding to consist of the Townships of Proton, Melancthon, Osprey, Artemisia, Collingwood, Euphrasia and St. Vincent ;

The South Riding to consist of the Townships of Normanby, Egremont, Bentinck and Glenelg.

Muskoka.

3. The Townships of Morrison, Ryde, Muskoka, Draper, Oakley, Wood, Monck, Macauley, McLean, Medora, Watt, Stephenson, Brunel, Humphrey, Cardwell, Stisted, Chaffey, Christie, Monteith, McMurich, Matchitt, Ryerson, Spence, McKellar, McDougall, Ferguson, Carling, Hagerman, Croft, Chapman, Ferrie, Mackenzie, Wilson, Brown, Blair, Mowat, Cowper, Conger, Parry Island, Parry Sound, Aumick Lake Territory, Maganetawan, and all other surveyed townships lying north of the North Riding of Victoria, and south of the Nipissing District, shall form the Electoral District of Muskoka, and shall return one member.

Toronto.

4. The City of Toronto, shall be divided into three Electoral Districts, to be called respectively West Toronto, East Toronto and Centre Toronto, each of which shall return one member :

West Toronto to consist of the wards as at present constituted of St. Andrew, St. George and St. Patrick ;

East Toronto to consist of the wards as at present constituted of St. David and St. Lawrence ;

Centre Toronto to consist of the wards as at present constituted of St. John and St. James.

Hamilton.

5. The City of Hamilton shall return two members.

Ottawa.

6. The City of Ottawa shall return two members.

Haldimand.

7. The County of Haldimand, shall consist of the Townships of Oneida, Seneca, Cayuga North, Cayuga South, Rainham and Walpole.

Monck.

8. The County of Monck, shall consist of the Townships of Canborough, and Moulton and Sherbrooke and Dunn, and the Village of Dunnville (taken from the County of Haldimand), the Townships of Caistor and Gainsborough (taken from the County of Lincoln), and the Townships of Pelham and Wainfleet (taken from the County of Welland).

Wellington.

9. The County of Wellington shall be divided into three Ridings, to be called respectively the North, Centre and South Riding, each of which shall be an Electoral District, and shall return one member ;

The North Riding to consist of the Townships of Maryborough, Minto, Arthur, Luther and Amaranth, and the Villages of Mount Forest and Arthur ;

The Centre Riding to consist of the Townships of Pilkington, Elora, Nichol, Fergus, Garrafraxa West, Garrafraxa East, Peel and the Village of Orangeville ;

The South Riding to consist of the Townships of Puslinch, Guelph, Eramosa and Erin, and the Town of Guelph.

Victoria:

10. The North Riding of the County of Victoria shall include and consist of the same Townships as it did before the passing of this

this Act, except those included by this Act in the Electoral District of Muskoka.

11. The Townships of Hagarty, Richards, Sherwood, Burns and Jones, shall be added to, and included in the South Riding of the County of Renfrew.

QUEBEC.

1. So much of sub-sections twenty-six and twenty-seven, of section one of chapter seventy-five of the Consolidated Statutes for Lower Canada, intituled, "*An Act respecting the division of Lower Canada into counties, and the boundaries of certain cities and towns for the purpose of Representation in the Legislature*," as refers to the limits of the Counties of Quebec and Portneuf, is hereby amended, and the parish of Saint Felix of Cap Rouge, as erected for civil purposes by Proclamation of the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Quebec, bearing date the Eleventh day of March, in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-two, shall form part of the County of Quebec, in so far as relates to the election of members of the House of Commons of Canada, and every part of the said Parish which, at the time of the passing of this Act was included in the County of Portneuf, shall be detached from the County of Portneuf, and shall be attached to the County of Quebec, for the electoral purposes hereinbefore set forth.

2. The City of Montreal shall be divided into three Electoral Districts to be called respectively Montreal West, Montreal Centre and Montreal East, each of which shall return one member;

Montreal West to consist of the wards as at present constituted of St. Antoine and St. Lawrence;

Montreal Centre to consist of the wards as at present constituted of St. Ann, West Ward, Centre Ward and East Ward;

Montreal East to consist of the wards as at present constituted of St. Lewis, St. James and St. Mary.

NOVA SCOTIA.

The counties of Cape Breton and Pictou shall each return two members.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

The Electoral District of the City and County of St. John, as St. John, now existing, shall return two members.

MANITOBA.

1. The Electoral District of Selkirk, shall consist of and comprise, of the Provincial Electoral divisions recently established by the

the proclamation of the Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba, for the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, those known as:—

Headingley, or No. 8;
 Saint Charles, or No. 9;
 Saint James, or No. 10;
 St. Boniface, West and East, or Nos. 11 and 12;
 Winnipeg and Saint John, or No. 18;
 Kildonan, or No. 19;

And shall return one member.

Provencher.

2. The Electoral District of Provencher, shall consist of all the settlements on the Red River, and in the neighborhood lying between the south line of the Electoral District of Selkirk and the frontier of the United States, including the settlements on the Seine, at Oak Point, or Saint Anne, and shall return one member.

Lisgar.

3. The Electoral District of Lisgar, shall consist of all the settlements on the Red River and in the neighborhood between the north line of the Electoral District of Selkirk and the northern frontier of the Province, including those at Broken Head River, and shall return one member.

Marquette.

4. The Electoral District of Marquette, shall consist of all the settlements on the Assiniboine and Lake Manitoba, and all other settlements to the westward of the western line of the Electoral District of Selkirk, and shall return one member.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

New Westminster.

1. The Electoral District of New Westminster shall consist of "New Westminster District" and the "Coast District," as defined in a public notice issued from the Lands and Works Office in the said Colony, on the 15th day of December, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, by the desire of the Governor, and purporting to be in accordance with the provisions of the thirty-ninth clause of the "Mineral Ordinance, 1869," and shall return one Member.

Cariboo.

2. The Electoral District of Cariboo shall consist of "Cariboo District" and "Lillooet District," as specified in the said public notice, and shall return one Member.

Yale.

3. The Electoral District of Yale shall consist of "Yale District" and "Kootenay District," as specified in the said public notice, and shall return one member.

Victoria.

4. The Electoral District of Victoria shall consist of those portions of Vancouver Island, know as "Victoria District," "Esquimalt District" and "Metchosin District," as defined in the official maps of those districts which are in the Land Office, Victoria, and are designated respectively, "Victoria District Official Map, 1858," "Esquimalt District Official Map, 1858," and "Metchosin District Official Map A.D., 1858," and shall return two Members.

Vancouver.

5. The Electoral District of Vancouver shall consist of all the remainder of Vancouver Island, and all such Islands adjacent thereto,

thereto, as were formerly dependencies of the late Colony of Vancouver Island, and shall return one Member.

3. This Act shall take effect upon, from, and after the termination of this present existing Parliament. Commencement of this Act.

CAP. XIV.

An Act to amend the Interim Parliamentary Elections Act, 1871.

[Assented to 14th June, 1872.]

[IN amendment of "*The Interim Parliamentary Elections Act*, 1871," Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:— Preamble.

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

1. The second and fourth sub-sections of the second section of the Act cited in the preamble are hereby repealed. Repeal.

2. In the Province of Ontario, subject to the special provisions hereinafter made, the qualification of voters at elections for members of the House of Commons shall be that established by the laws in force in that Province on the twenty-third day of January, 1869, as the qualification of voters at elections for members of the Legislative Assembly, and the voters' lists to be used at elections of members of the House of Commons shall be the same as if such elections were of members of the Legislative Assembly on the basis of the qualification aforesaid, and the polling sub-divisions or wards shall be the same as if such elections were for members of the Legislative Assembly; and the returning officer shall provide a polling place for each such sub-division or ward in the most central and convenient place for such elections. Qualification of voters.
Voters' Lists.
Polling places.

3. The oath or affirmation to be required of voters in the said Province, shall be that prescribed by the fifty-fourth section of chapter six, of the Consolidated Statutes of Canada, and no other, except only in the Electoral Districts of Algoma and Muskoka, as hereinafter provided. Voters' oath.

4. In the Electoral Districts of Algoma and Muskoka, and in the new townships added during the present session of this Parliament to the South Riding of the County of Renfrew, the persons entitled to vote at elections for members of the House of Commons shall be male persons, of the full age of twenty-one years, subjects of Qualification, &c., in Algoma and Muskoka.