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11 Victoria – Chapter 27

**An Act for ascertaining the Population of this Province, and for other purposes therein mentioned. Passed 30th March 1848.**

I. Be it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly, That the Justices of the Peace in the several Counties in this Province shall and may and they are hereby required at their first General Sessions to be holden after the receipt of this Act by the Clerk of the Peace for the County as hereinafter provided, or at any Special Sessions to be for that purpose expressly convened, to appoint such and so many fit person or persons within each Town or Parish within their respective Counties, as they shall think expedient, to take an account of the Population thereof, in manner hereinafter directed; and if more than one person shall be so appointed for any Town or Parish, then to divide such Town or Parish into convenient Districts, assigning to each person so appointed to take such account in his particular District; which persons so appointed to take such account shall be liable in all respects to the same rules and regulations, penalties and forfeitures, as Town or Parish Officers are subject and liable to by virtue of any Law in force for the appointment and regulation of Town or Parish Offices; provided that the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Saint John, in Common Council convened shall as soon as conveniently may be after the time appointed for this Act to come into operation, appoint such and so many fit person or persons as to them shall seem meet, to take such account within the said City, in like manner with the Justices of the Peace for the several Counties at their General or Special Sessions as aforesaid.

II. And be it enacted, That the persons so appointed as aforesaid, shall at the times and in the manner hereinafter directed, severally take an account of the number of persons who shall be actually found at the time of taking such account, within the limits of the Parish, City or District for which they may be respectively appointed, and shall set down the several particulars respecting the same, according to the form prescribed in the Schedule annexed to this Act.

III. And for the more speedy and effectual obtaining of such accounts; Be it further enacted, That a sufficient number of printed copies of this Act, and of the Schedule thereto, (such number to be regulated and determined by Order of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being,) shall as soon as may be after the passing of this Act, be transmitted by the Queen's Printer to the Clerks of the Peace in the several Counties, and the said several Clerks of the Peace shall, and they are hereby required with all convenient speed to cause the said Act to be distributed among the Justices of the Peace in the several Counties, so that at least one Justice in each Parish maybe furnished with one of the said printed copies of the said Act; and also to cause two of the said printed Schedules to be delivered to each person to be appointed as aforesaid to take the account required by this Act, within the said several and respective Counties.

IV. And be it enacted, That the persons so appointed to take such accounts as aforesaid, shall with all convenient expedition after receiving such Schedules, and within such time as will enable them to deliver or transmit their respective answers and returns to the Clerks of the Peace by the day hereinafter limited for that purpose, proceed to take an account in writing of the number of persons at the time of taking such account, being within the limits of the Parish, City or District for which they may be respectively appointed as aforesaid, and inform themselves of the several particulars relating to the matters specified in the questions contained in the said Schedules, by proceeding from house to house, or otherwise as they shall judge expedient, for the better execution of this Act; and from such information and lists shall prepare duplicate answers or returns to the said questions, according to the forms prescribed in the said Schedules, and shall sign and make oath to the same before a Justice of the Peace of the County, according to the said forms, which oath any such Justice is hereby authorized and required to administer; and the better to enable such persons so appointed, as aforesaid, to make such answers and returns, they are hereby severally and respectively authorized and empowered to ask all such questions of the persons within the Parish, City or District for which they may be respectively appointed as aforesaid, respecting themselves and the number and the quality of the persons constituting their respective families, as shall be necessary for stating the particulars required to be stated concerning them in the said answers and returns; and every person refusing to answer or wilfully giving a false answer to such questions, or any of them, shall for every such refusal or false answer forfeit a sum not exceeding three pounds nor less than twenty shillings, at the discretion of the Justices before whom complaint thereof shall be made; and the said persons so appointed as aforesaid to take such account, shall deliver or transmit their several and respective answers and returns in duplicate as aforesaid, to the Clerks of the Peace for the several and respective Counties, on or before the first day of November next after this Act shall come into operation.

V. And be it enacted, That the several Clerks of the Peace shall on or before the tenth day of November next after this Act shall come into operation, transmit one copy of such answers and returns as they shall have received in manner aforesaid, together with a list of the Parishes, Districts or places within their respective Counties, from which no returns may have been received, to the Office of the Secretary of the Province, and shall place and keep the other copy of such answers and returns on file in their offices respectively; and the answers and returns which shall be so transmitted to the Office of the Secretary of the Province, shall be digested and reduced into order by such officer or person as the Lieutenant Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, shall appoint for that purpose, and an abstract thereof shall be laid before the General Assembly at their next Session.

VI. And be it enacted, That there shall be allowed and paid out of the Province Treasury to each Clerk of the Peace, for the services required of him by this Act, the sum of ten pounds, and to each and every person appointed and employed under this Act to take such account as aforesaid, who shall make and transmit to the Clerk of the Peace of the County, by the day hereinbefore limited for that purpose, due answers and returns according to the Schedule to this Act annexed, the sum of ten shillings for each and every day that such person shall make it appear to the Justices of the Peace for the several Counties at the General Sessions, that he has been actually employed in the services required of him by this Act; the number of days to be certified by the said Justices at their

General Sessions, to the Lieutenant Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being; which said sums in this Section mentioned, shall be paid out of any monies in the Province Treasury, by Warrant of the Lieutenant Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, by and with the advice and consent of Her Majesty's Executive Council, in favour of the Clerk of the Peace, to be by him paid to the respective persons entitled to the same, without any deduction whatever.

VII. And be it enacted, That any person appointed under this Act, to take such account as aforesaid, who shall refuse or neglect to perform any of the duties required of him by this Act, shall for each and every such refusal or neglect, forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding five pounds, nor less than forty shillings, at the discretion of the Justice before whom complaint shall be made.

VIII. And be it enacted, That the several and respective forfeitures and penalties hereinbefore mentioned, shall and may be recovered upon complaint made before any Justice of the Peace for the County, or City and County, where the offence may be committed, upon the oath of one or more credible witness or witnesses, and be levied by distress and sale of the goods and chattels of the offender, rendering the overplus, (if any) after deducting the costs and charges of prosecution and sale, to such offender, and to be applied, one half to the use of the person who shall sue for the same, and the other half to the use of the poor of the Parish where the offence may be committed.

IX. And be it enacted, That this Act shall not come into operation or be in force until the first day of January which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty nine.

		Name and description of Parish or City or District in such and within what County situate.
	Inhabited Houses.	Question 1st.
	By how many Families inhabited.	
	Houses now Building.	Question 2nd.
	Uninhabited Houses.	Question 3rd.
	Stores, Barns and Out-houses.	Question 4th.
	Number of Males over 16	Persons, including Children of whatever age
	Number of Females over 16	
	Number of Males under 16	
	Number of Females under 16	
	Number of Births during predecing year	Births.
	Number of Deaths during preceding year	Deaths.
	Number of Children attending Grammar Schools.	Grammar Schools.
	Number of Children attending Parish Schools.	Parish Schoos.
	Estimated quantity of Cleared Land.	Cleared Land.
	Number of Tons Hay cut.	Crops
	Number of Bushels of Wheat raised.	
	Number of Bushels of Barley raised.	
	Number of Bushels of Oats raised.	
	Number of Bushels of Buckwheat raised.	
	Number of Bushels of Indian Corn raised.	
	Number of Bushels of Peas and Beans raised.	
	Number of Bushels of Turnips raised.	
	Number of Bushels of Potatoes raised.	
	Number of Bushels of other Roots crops raised.	
	Number of Neat Cattle	Stock
	Number of Cows, how many milked.	
	Quantity of Butter churned.	
	Number of Horses.	
	Number of Sheep.	
	Number of Swine.	Persons engaged in various employments.
	Number of Farmers.	
	Number of Mechanics.	
	Number of Merchants and Traders.	
	Number of persons engaged in Fisheries.	
	Number of persons engaged in Lumbering.	
	Number of Doctos.	
	Number of Clergymen or Ministers.	

**SCHEDULE.**

Questions, to which, by direction of an act of Assembly passed in the eleventh year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled "An Act for taking an Account of the Population of this Province, and other purposes therein mentioned," with Answers in Duplicate, are to be returned by the persons appointed under and by virtue of the said Act, to take such Account, signed and attested, upon oath, by such persons respectively.

Number and value of Saw Mills, and hands employed.	Buildings of different kinds.
Number and value of Grist Mills, and hands employed	
Number and value of Tanneries, and hands employed.	
Number and value of Foundries, and hands employed.	
Number and value of Weaving and Carding Establishment, and hands employed.	
Number of hand looms.	
Number of Yards of Woolen Cloth manufactured.	
Number and value of Factories, other than the above, and hands employed.	
Value of Boots and Shoes manufactured.	
Value of Leather manufactured.	
Value of Candles manufactured.	
Value of Wooden Ware manufactured, other than Cabinet Makers'.	
Value of Soap manufactured.	
Value of Chairs and Cabinet Ware manufactured.	
Value of Fish caught, and quantities.	
Value of Hats manufactured, and number.	
Value of Iron Castings manufactured.	
Quantity of Coal raised.	
Quantity of Iron smelted, and value thereof.	
Number of Breweries.	
Number of Gallons of Malt Liquor manufactured.	
Casks of Lime burnt, and value.	
Number and value of Grindstones.	
Tons and value of Gypsum quarried.	
Quantity of Maple Sugar manufactured.	