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An Act to provide for taking a Census. Passed 9th April 1860.

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Be it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council, and Assembly, as follows:—

1. The Governor in Council shall appoint in each and every Parish of every County such and so many persons, to be styled Enumerators, for taking the Census, as he may deem advisable, and may divide large and populous Parishes into Districts and appoint an Enumerator to each District.
2. Every Enumerator shall at the time and in the manner prescribed by the Governor in Council, take the account of the number of persons who shall be actually found at the time of the taking such account, or to which it shall relate, in the Parish or District for which he may be appointed, together with the other particulars prescribed by the Governor in Council.
3. The Governor in Council shall appoint the time, and prescribe the mode of taking the said Census, and make such rules and regulations to guide and govern the Enumerators in their enquiries, and generally to carry out the object and provisions of this Act; and shall specify the various enquiries to be instituted by the Enumerators, and cause a Schedule of such enquiries, methodically arranged, to be published in the Royal Gazette at least two months before such time.
4. The Provincial Secretary shall furnish every Enumerator with a sufficient number of copies of the said Schedule and this necessary forms and instructions required for taking the said Census.
5. Every Enumerator shall at the time so specified proceed to take the said Census, and an account in writing of the various particulars contained in the aforementioned Schedule, adopting such mode of procedure as, consistent with his instructions, will enable him with the greatest expedition and correctness to obtain the information required, and shall prepare therefrom

answers to the said questions, in the form required by his instructions, and sign the same, attest thereto, and make return to the Provincial Secretary.

6. Every Enumerator is hereby authorized to ask any question prescribed in the said Schedule of any person within the Parish or District for which he is appointed, to enable him to make the said enquiry, and correctly to ascertain the result; and every person refusing to answer, or wilfully giving a false answer to any such question shall, for every refusal or false answer, pay not more than five pounds, in the discretion of the Justice before whom complaint shall be made.

7. The Governor in Council shall appoint one or more persons to digest the said Return, and shall cause an Abstract thereof to be laid before the Legislative Council and House of Assembly at the next Session of the Legislature after the completion of such Abstract.

8. Every Enumerator shall transmit to the Office of the Provincial Secretary an Account, duly attested, of the number of days he has been actually employed in taking the Census, with every other information necessary, to enable the Governor in Council to test the correctness of the Account; and he shall be allowed at the rate of ten shillings for every day he is so employed, to be paid by Warrant of the Governor in Council on the Treasury.

9. For the purposes of this Act the Cities of Saint John and Fredericton shall be deemed Parishes, and the Towns of Woodstock and Moncton respectively shall each be deemed a District of their respective Parishes.

10. In this Act, 'Census' shall mean the taking an account of the Population and such other enquiries relative thereto, or relative to the Agricultural, Mechanical, Lumbering, or other resources, or such other Statistics as the Governor in Council shall prescribe.

11. This Act shall come into operation and be in force the first day of January which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty one.