

Returning-  
Officer at  
first election.

V. The Clerk for the time being of the said Village of Galt shall be *ex officio* Returning Officer for the purpose of holding the first municipal election under this Act, and shall, on or before the Twenty-first day of December next after the passing of this Act, by his warrant, appoint a Deputy Returning Officer for each of the five wards into which the said Town of Galt is hereby divided, to hold the first election therein; and in the discharge of their duties, each Deputy Returning-Officer, shall severally be subject to all the provisions of the said Upper Canada Municipal Corporations Acts applicable to first elections in Towns incorporated under the said Acts.

Public Act.

VI. This Act shall be deemed a Public Act.

### C A P . X V I I I .

An Act to incorporate the Town of Owen Sound, in the County of Grey.

[Assented to 16th May, 1856.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS the inhabitants of the Village of Sydenham, in the County of Grey, have by their Petition represented, that by a census taken under the authority of the Municipal Council of the Township of Sydenham, in the month of December now last, the population of the Village amounted to one thousand and nine hundred and forty-five, and was then and is now rapidly increasing, so that by the end of the present year it will probably amount or very nearly approach to three thousand souls, the number required for its incorporation as a Town under the ordinary operation of the Upper Canada Municipal Corporations Acts, and further that they are desirous to avoid the delay which must otherwise take place, and to have the said Village incorporated as a Town by the name of Owen Sound by a special Act, and the boundaries thereof and its division into Wards established as hereinafter provided, and it is expedient to grant their prayer and to provide accordingly: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

Town of Owen  
Sound incor-  
porated.

I. The tract of land lying within the boundaries hereinafter mentioned, shall, upon, from, and after the first day of January, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, be incorporated as, and shall be a Town, to be called and designated as the Town of Owen Sound.

Upper Canada  
Municipal  
Corporations  
Acts to apply  
to it.

II. So much of the Upper Canada Municipal Corporations Acts as relates to incorporated Towns, shall, from and after the day last aforesaid, apply to the said Town of Owen Sound, and the said Town shall have and exercise all and singular the rights, powers, privileges and jurisdiction which are thereby granted or conferred to or upon, or as shall by virtue of the said Acts, or of any other Act or Acts, now in force or hereafter to be

be in force in Upper Canada, belong to incorporated Towns : and all the rules, regulations and enactments in the said Acts or any of them contained, or which shall in any wise apply to incorporated Towns, shall apply to the said Town of Owen Sound, as fully as if it had become an incorporated Town under the ordinary operation of the said Upper Canada Municipal Corporations Acts, with the exception hereinafter made.

III. The said Town of Owen Sound shall consist of all that part of the County of Grey which is bounded as follows, that is to say : on the East by the tenth Concession of the Township of Sydenham, on the West by the third Concession of the Township of Derby, on the South by the lots number fourteen in the eleventh and twelfth Concessions of the Township of Sydenham and by lots number fourteen in the first and second Concessions of the Township of Derby, and on the North by Owen Sound and the Indian Lands as they are now limited and bounded.

*Boundaries of the said Town.*

IV. The said Town of Owen Sound shall be divided into three Wards, to be called respectively : Bay Ward, Centre Ward, and River Ward ; Bay Ward shall consist of all that part of the Town north of the centre line of Division Street prolonged each way to the East and West boundaries of the Town ; Centre Ward shall consist of all that part of the Town lying between Bay Ward as above defined and the centre line of Union Street prolonged each way to the East and West boundaries of the Town ; and River Ward shall consist of all that part of the said Town lying South of the centre line of Union Street prolonged as aforesaid.

*Town divided into three Wards. Wards described.*

V. The Municipal Council of the Township of Sydenham shall and may at any time after the passing of this Act, appoint a fit person to be the Returning Officer for holding the first Municipal Election under this Act, and the person so appointed shall on or before the twenty-first day of December next after the passing of this Act, by his Warrant, appoint a Deputy Returning Officer for each of the three Wards into which the Town of Owen Sound is hereby divided, to hold the first election therein : and in the discharge of their duties such Deputy Returning Officers shall be respectively subject to all the provisions of the Upper Canada Municipal Corporations Acts applicable to first Elections in Towns incorporated under the said Acts : Provided always, that at the first Election to be held in the said Town, the qualification of Electors and of Councillors shall be the same as in Townships ; And provided also, that inasmuch as the said Town of Owen Sound comprises two of the five Wards of the said Township of Sydenham, therefore the division of the said Township into Wards as now established shall cease upon the first Monday in January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, on which day the annual Election of Councillors in the Township of Sydenham shall be made at a general Township

*Appointment of Returning Officer at first Election.*

*Proviso : Qualification of Electors and Councillors.*

*Proviso : as to the Township of Sydenham.*

Township Meeting, to be held at the place where the meetings of the Municipal Council of the Township are held.

Public Act.

VI. This Act shall be deemed a Public Act.

## C A P . X I X .

An Act to separate the County of Bruce from the County of Huron.

[Assented to 16th May, 1856.]

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS the Reeves of the several Townships of the County of Bruce have by their Petition, prayed that the said County of Bruce, now united to the County of Huron, may be set apart as a separate County for judicial and other purposes, without unnecessary delay, and the sense of the said County being in favour of such separation, and the wealth and population thereof being sufficient to warrant the same, it is expedient to make provision to enable the said County to separate from the said County of Huron as soon as the necessary provisions for that purpose shall have been made: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

Provisional Council of Bruce constituted.

14 &amp; 15 V. c. 5.

Powers of such Council.

12 V. c. 78.

Proclamations may issue.

I. Upon, from and after the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, the Town Reeves and Deputy Town Reeves of the several Townships in the said County of Bruce, as the same is described and limited in and by the Act passed in the Session held in the fourteenth and fifteenth years of Her Majesty's Reign, and intituled, *An Act to make certain alterations in the Territorial Divisions of Upper Canada*, shall form a Provisional Municipal Council for the said County, and shall, with respect to the said County, have, possess and exercise all and singular the rights, powers, privileges and duties conferred, granted or imposed by the Act passed in the twelfth year of Her Majesty's Reign, and intituled, *An Act for abolishing the Territorial Division of Upper Canada into Districts, and for providing for temporary Unions of Counties for judicial and other purposes, and for the future dissolution of such Unions as the increase of wealth and population may require*, upon Provisional Municipal Councils erected by Proclamation under the authority of the said Act, and also all the powers which may be conferred on Provisional Municipal Councils generally by any other Act or Law in force in Upper Canada; and such Proclamations as may be necessary for such purpose shall and may be issued by the Governor in Council, in the same manner as such Proclamations may be issued under the said last recited Act.

Public Act.

II. This Act shall be deemed to be a Public Act.