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not contain 300 souls.

Council under the provisions of this Act, immediately after this Act has come in force.

Public Act.

V. This Act shall be a Public Act.

## CAP. CXXXIII.

An Act to divide the Township of Halifax into two separate Townships.

[Assented to 10th June, 1857.]

Preamble.

HEREAS the Township of Halifax, in the County of Megantic, is divided by a range of Mountains, and it is therefore expedient to divide it into two Townships according to the said natural division thereof: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

Township of North Halifax constituted.

I. The lots numbers seventeen to twenty-eight both inclusive, in every range of the said Township of Halifax, shall, from and after the first day of January next, form a separate Township and local Municipality, under the name of the Township of North Halifax, and shall have all the rights, powers and privileges of a separate Township Municipality, under the Lower Canada Municipal and Road Act of 1855, and any Act amending it.

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II. The remaining part of the Township of Halifax shall, on, South Halifax. from, and after the day last aforesaid, form a separate Township and local Municipality, under the name of the Township of South Halifax, with the rights, powers and privileges aforesaid.

Debts of present Township how to be paid.

III. The present debts and obligations of the former Township of Halifax shall be assumed by the two townships hereby constituted, and shall be chargeable upon them in equal proportions, each one half.

Public Act.

IV. This Act shall be deemed a Public Act.

## CAP. CXXXIV.

An Act to alter the limits of the Township of Halifax, and the Parish of St. Norbert d'Arthabaska.

[Assented to 10th June, 1857.]

Preamble.

\*THEREAS Théophile Hébert, Joseph Champoux, David VV Varville, David Prince, Olivier Lambert, Cyrille Arseneau, Noel Hébert, Moyse Basil, Joseph Poulain, Charles Poisson, David LaBonté, Joseph Houle, and Pierre Champoux, proprietors

proprietors and occupants of the fourteenth range, -William Gosselin, Pierre Nolin, senior, Pierre Nolin, junior, Louis Gonzague Pélerin, Pierre Vignault, Xavier Roberge, Louis Roberge, Damase Roberge, and Julien Roberge, proprietors and occupants of the fifteenth range, -William Gosselin, Prospère Morin, David Bourque, and Jean Tardif, proprietors and occupants of the sixteenth range,-and the above mentioned William Gosselin, proprietor in the seventeenth range; and also, the inhabitants of the part of the thirteenth range situate to the north of the river, in the Township of Arthabaska, have applied to the Legislature setting forth that they are exposed to great inconvenience from being comprised within the limits of the Township of Arthabaska, in the County of Arthabaska, inasmuch as they are separated therefrom by one of the branches of the River Nicolet (River du Loup), the sudden and frequent rising of which prevents them from maintaining a regular communication with the chef-lieu of the Township and County of Arthabaska to attend scholar, municipal, electoral and judicial business, and further, that the said fourteenth, fifteenth, sixteenth and seventeenth ranges of the Township of Arthabaska have been annexed, by a canonical decree, to the mission of Ste. Sophie, in the Township of Halifax, in the County of Megantic, and Diocese of Quebec, and have prayed that the lands they occupy, commonly called the "Pointe d'Arthabaska," may be detached from the Township and County of Arthabaska, and be annexed to the Township of Halifax, in the County of Megantic; And whereas Narcisse Ouellet, and other proprietors and occupiers of all the lots of land from number thirteen inclusively, to number twenty-eight inclusively, in the first range of lots of the Township of Halifax, have prayed to be annexed to the parish of St. Norbert d'Arthabaska: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

I. From and after the first day of January 1858, the four- La Pointe teenth, fifteenth, sixteenth and seventeenth ranges of the Town-d'Arthabaska ship of Arthabaska, comprehending that tract of land commonly the Township called the "Pointe d'Arthabaska," and that part of the thir-of Halifax and teenth range of the same Township situate to the north of County of Me-Rivière-du-Loup, shall be detached from the Township and County of Arthabaska, and be annexed to the Township of North Halifax, in the County of Megantic, for all parochial, municipal, electoral, judicial and registration purposes, in the same manner, to all intents and purposes, as though the above mentioned part of the Township of Arthabaska had always formed part of the said Township of Halifax, and County of Megantic.

II. From and after the first day of January, 1858, the lots of Certain lots lands comprised from number thirteen inclusively, to number now in the Township of twenty-eight inclusively, in the first range of lots of the Town-Halifax, to be ship of Halifax, shall be separated from the said Township and annexed to St. County of Megantic, and shall be annexed to the parish of St. Norbert d'Arthabaska after Norbert

1st January, 1858.

Norbert d'Arthabaska, in the County of Arthabaska, for all parochial, municipal, electoral, judicial and registration purposes, in the same manner, to all intents and purposes, as though the above mentioned part of the Township of Halifax had always formed part of the said parish of St. Norbert d'Arthabaska, and County of Arthabaska.

Cap. 133 to be construed subject to the provisions of this Act.

III. The Act passed during the present Session and intituled, An Act to divide the Township of Halifax into two separate Townships, shall be construed subject to the provisions of this Act, and notwithstanding any thing in the said Act contained, neither the Township of North Halifax nor the Township of South Halifax shall include any of the lots hereby annexed to the Parish of St. Norbert d'Arthabaska.

Act not to affect debts of the said Townships.

IV. This Act shall not have the effect of discharging the above mentioned parts of the Townships of Halifax and Arthabaska from any school or municipal debts which they may have contracted during the time they formed part of the Township of Halifax and Arthabaska, respectively.

Public Act.

V. This Act shall be deemed a Public Act.

## CAP. CXXXV.

An Act to legalize certain proceedings of the Municipality of St. Norbert d'Arthabaska.

[Assented to 10th June, 1857.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS Edward Germain Paradis, Mayor, and others, of the Parish of St. Norbert d'Arthabaska, have represented of the Parish of St. Norbert d'Arthabaska, have represented to the Legislature that the Municipal Council of the said Parish hath received from the Assessors of the Corporation an assessment roll which was not dated in accordance with all the formalities required by law; that the said Council had levied an assessment upon the rateable property of the said Municipality; that a large number of the rate-payers have hastened to pay the rate imposed by the collection roll based upon the said valuation, and that a certain number of others refuse to pay, and thereby place the Council in a position of difficulty, by withholding from them the means of meeting their engagements, and exposing them to the payment of considerable costs, and have prayed that the valuation roll homologated on the fourth day of the month of August, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, and the assessment levied and rate imposed in virtue of the Municipal and Road Act of 1855, by the Municipal Council of the Parish of St. Norbert d'Arthabaska, on the third day of November, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, should be legalized, and it is expedient to legalize the said valuation roll and the said assessment: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the