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An Act to amend the Act to incorporate the Mechanics' Institute of the City of Toronto. 10th August, 1850.

Whereas for the convenience of the members of the Toronto Mechanics' Institute it is found necessary and expedient to alter the time of the annual meeting for the election of the Officers and general Committee of the said Institute: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, intituled, *An Act to re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the Government of Canada*, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the fourth, fifth and seventh sections of an Act passed in the tenth and eleventh years of Her Majesty's Reign, and intituled, *An Act to incorporate the Mechanics' Institute of the City of Toronto*, shall be, and the same are hereby repealed.

II. And be it enacted, That the annual meeting for the election of Officers and Members to compose the said General Committee of the said Corporation, shall be held at the place at which the usual meetings of the said Corporation are held, on the first Monday in May in each and every year, and not on the first Monday in November as heretofore: Provided always, that whenever the said first Monday in May shall happen on a statutory holy-day, the said annual meeting shall take place in the manner hereinafter provided, and the said Officers and Members thereat elected shall serve in the said office during the year then next ensuing, and until others being elected in their stead shall enter upon the discharge of the duties of their office as hereinafter provided; and if by reason of any unforeseen matter or thing whatsoever, the election so to be had and made on the first Monday in May as aforesaid, shall be prevented or shall not be had or made, then and in every such case it shall be competent to the members of the said Corporation and their successors, or to the major part of such as may be present at a meeting to be called by the President or Vice-Presidents for the time being, and held as soon after as shall be convenient, seven days' notice being first given, to proceed to and make the election of a President, Vice-Presidents, Secretaries, a Treasurer, a Librarian and Cabinet Keeper; and twelve of the members, with the Officers aforesaid, shall constitute and form the General Committee as aforesaid, and the election so made shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been made on such first Monday in May: Provided always, that the President, Vice-Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurer, Librarian and Cabinet Keeper, with the other twelve Members aforesaid to be elected at any general election of Officers under and by virtue -of the provisions of this Act, shall not enter upon nor act in the discharge of their respective offices until the Monday next ensuing after such general election; And provided also, that the present Officers and Committee elected on the first Monday in November last, shall hold their offices until the Monday next after the first Monday in May, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, or until the Monday next after such general election as

hereinbefore provided; any thing in the said recited Act contained to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

III. And be it enacted, That the said Corporation shall consist of an indefinite number of ordinary, life, corresponding, and honorary Members, all of whom shall be chosen according to the form, and under the restrictions and conditions hereinafter prescribed, that is to say: the ordinary Members being those who shall pay and contribute to the funds of the said Corporation such annual subscription as may from time to time be required by the By-laws, rules and regulations of the said Corporation; the life Members being those who shall pay or contribute to the funds of the said Corporation the sum of ten pounds in one sum, or who shall make a donation to the Institute of Books, Apparatus, or other useful articles equal at least to that amount; the corresponding Members, being those who reside at a distance from the City of Toronto, but who shall have no vote at any of the Meetings of the said Corporation and shall not be eligible to any of the offices thereof; and honorary Members being those only who being distinguished for scientific attainments shall be admitted without payment, to all the privileges enjoyed by ordinary Members except the right of voting at the election of the said General Committee; provided always, that all such persons as shall be now Members of the said Corporation shall continue to be such, and shall be ordinary, life, corresponding or honorary Members of the said Corporation according as they shall respectively be within the provisions of this section as respects their admission as Members of the said Corporation.