

Laws of Her Majesty's Province of United Canada, passed in the year 1851. York: Stewart Derbshire and George Desbarts, 1851.

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An Act to provide for the Erection of Parishes, for Civil Purposes only, in the Seigniority of Argenteuil, in Lower Canada. 30th August, 1851.

Whereas it appears that there are in the Seigniority of Argenteuil, in the County of Two Mountains, in Lower Canada, tracts of land of considerable extent which, in consequence of their being inhabited chiefly by Protestants, cannot be erected into separate Parishes under the provisions of the Ordinances of the Legislature of Lower Canada, and Acts of the Parliament of this Province, concerning the Erection of Parishes and the Building of Churches, Parsonage Houses and Church Yards in Lower Canada; And whereas, from their extent it is just that such tracts should be set apart as Parishes for Civil Purposes only, and that their inhabitants should not be deprived of the Municipal Rights and other advantages conferred by law on Parishes erected under the Provisions of the above mentioned Ordinances and Acts, and on Townships in the said portion of the Province: 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, and intituled, *An Act to re-united 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 whenever it shall be made to appear to the satisfaction of the Governor in Council, that there is in the Seigniority [Seigneurie] of Argenteuil aforesaid, any tract of land having a population of six hundred souls or upwards, and the majority of the inhabitants of such tract being Protestants, shall, by petition to the Governor, represent the fact, and shall pray that such tract be erected into a Parish for Civil Purposes, it shall be lawful for the Governor in Council to order that such tract, with the boundaries and by the name to be assigned to it in such Order, shall upon, from and after a day to be therein named, be a Parish for all Municipal and other Civil Purposes whatsoever, which such tract shall accordingly be, and shall not thereafter be included or remain, for Municipal or other Civil Purposes, in any Parish erected under the above mentioned Ordinance, or any other Law; and such Order in Council shall be published in the *Canada Gazette*: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall make any such tract a Parish for Ecclesiastical Purposes, or confer any Ecclesiastical Right, Power, or Jurisdiction; nor shall this Act prevent any such tract from being thereafter included or from remaining for Ecclesiastical Purposes in any Parish erected under the said Ordinance, or any other Ordinance or Law.