

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

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An Act to amend the Laws regulating the Election of Members of the Legislative Assembly in certain Counties, in so far as relates to the Return of Writs. 30th August, 1851.

Whereas the Magdalen Islands in the Gulf of Saint Lawrence, which are included in and form part of the County of Gaspé, as well as certain other parts of the said County, are inaccessible at certain periods of the year and with difficulty accessible at any season; and whereas certain parts of the said County, and of the County of Saguenay, are situate at great distances from the public place most central and most convenient for the great body of the Electors in each of the said Counties, at which the Returning Officer is by law bound to proceed to the election of a Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly of this Province, whenever a Writ of Election is issued for that purpose, and it is therefore expedient and proper to provide for such Writs being made returnable so as to obviate the possibility of either of the said Counties being at any time unrepresented for want of a sufficient delay between the issuing of any such Writ and the period at which the same may be made returnable, or for want of time to give the necessary notices in pursuance of the same: 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-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 for and notwithstanding any thing to the contrary contained in the said Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom, any Writ which may hereafter issue for the election of a Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly of this Province for the County of Gaspé, or for the County of Saguenay, may be made returnable at any time within ninety days from the day on which the same shall bear date.

II. And be it enacted, That for and notwithstanding any thing to the contrary contained in the Act of the Parliament of this Province passed in the twelfth year of Her Majesty's Reign, chaptered Twenty-seven, and intituled, *An Act to repeal certain Acts therein mentioned, and to amend, consolidate and reduce into one Act the several statutory provisions now in force for the regulation of Elections of Members to represent the people of this Province in the Legislative Assembly thereof*, every Proclamation issued by a Returning Officer of the County of Gaspé, or of the County of Saguenay, fixing the place, day and hour at which he will proceed to hold the election under any Writ of Election directed to him, shall be posted up at least twenty days before the day which by such Proclamation he shall have fixed for holding such election, and that there shall, be at least fifteen days, and not more than thirty days, between the days respectively fixed by any such Returning Officer in and by any such Proclamation for opening the election as aforesaid, and for opening the Poll at separate places in the said Counties respectively; and that the delay between the closing of the Polls and the day on which the result of the polling shall be announced by the Returning Officer, shall not exceed thirty days.