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An Act to erect the Town of Bytown into a City under the name of the *City of Ottawa*. Assented to 18th December, 1854.

Whereas the Mayor and Corporation of the Town of Bytown, have in behalf of the inhabitants thereof, expressed their desire that the said Town should be erected into a City, to be called the *City of Ottawa*; And whereas from the great and rapidly increasing population and commercial importance of the said Town, it is desirable to comply with their request: 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, as follows:

I. Upon, from and after the first Monday in January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, the Town of Bytown shall be a City, and shall be called and known as the *City of Ottawa*, and the first Municipal Election therein as a City shall take place on the said day; and the said *City of Ottawa* shall be bounded in the manner set forth as regards the Town of Bytown in the Schedule B to the Upper Canada Municipal Corporations Act of 1849.

II. The said *City of Ottawa* shall be and is hereby divided into five Wards, viz: That portion of the City lying easterly from the Rideau Canal shall constitute three Wards, and the portion of the City lying westerly from the Rideau Canal shall constitute two Wards, which latter two Wards shall be divided by the centre of Wellington street, George street, Victoria Terrace and the concession line known as the Richmond road, to the limits of the City; and the portion lying North of the said streets and road, shall constitute one Ward, to be called Victoria Ward; and the portion lying south of the said streets, shall constitute a Ward to be called Wellington Ward; the portion of the City lying easterly from the Rideau Canal as aforesaid, shall be divided and called as follows, viz: The whole of Rideau street and the portion of the City, south of it, shall constitute a Ward to be called St. George's Ward; That portion of the City from the line dividing Rideau and George streets and a continuation of such line, terminating on the Rideau Canal in one direction, and on the waters of the river Rideau in another, to the centre of St. Patrick street, and in a continuing line therewith, east, and west, to the waters of the rivers Ottawa and Rideau, shall constitute a second Ward to be called By Ward, and the remaining portion lying north of the line above described on St. Patrick street and the continuation thereof, shall constitute a third Ward, to be called Ottawa Ward.

III. All the provisions of the Act last cited and of the Upper Canada Municipal Corporations Acts generally, as therein in force, so far as the same relates to Cities, shall upon, from and after the day last aforesaid, extend and apply to the said *City of Ottawa*, as if a proclamation had issued more

than three calendar months before the said day, erecting the said Town of Bytown into a City by the name aforesaid, so that the first Municipal Election therein, would under the said Acts be held on the said day, and setting forth the boundaries of the said City as hereinbefore mentioned.

IV. This Act may be varied, altered or repealed by any Act to be passed during this present Session.

V. This Act shall be deemed a Public Act.