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**An Act to incorporate the Town of Owen Sound, in the County of Grey. Assented to 16th May, 1856.**

Whereas the inhabitants of the Village of Sydenham, in the County of Grey, have by their Petition represented, that by a census taken under the authority of the Municipal Council of the Township of Sydenham, in the month of December now last, the population of the Village amounted to one thousand and nine hundred and forty-five, and was then and is now rapidly increasing, so that by the end of the present year it will probably amount or very nearly approach to three thousand souls, the number required for its incorporation as a Town under the ordinary operation of the Upper Canada Municipal Corporations Acts, and further that they are desirous to avoid the delay which must otherwise take place, and to have the said Village incorporated as a Town by the name of Owen Sound by a special Act, and the boundaries thereof and its division into Wards established as hereinafter provided, and it is expedient to grant their prayer and to provide accordingly: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

- I. The tract of land lying within the boundaries hereinafter mentioned, shall, upon, from, and after the first day of January, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, be incorporated as, and shall be a Town, to be called and designated as the Town of Owen Sound.
- II. So much of the Upper Canada Municipal Corporations Acts as relates to incorporated Towns, shall, from and after the day last aforesaid, apply to the said Town of Owen Sound, and the said Town shall have and exercise all and singular the rights, powers, privileges and jurisdiction which are thereby granted or conferred to or upon, or as shall by virtue of the said Acts, or of any other Act or Acts, now in force or hereafter to be in force in Upper Canada, belong to incorporated Towns: and all the rules, regulations and enactments in the said Acts or any of them contained, or which shall in any wise apply to incorporated Towns, shall apply to the said Town of Owen Sound, as fully as if it had become an incorporated Town under the ordinary operation of the said Upper Canada Municipal Corporations Acts, with the exception hereinafter made.
- III. The said Town of Owen Sound shall consist of all that part of the County of Grey which is bounded as follows, that is to say: on the East by the tenth Concession of the Township of Sydenham, on the West by the third Concession of the Township of Derby, on the South by the lots number fourteen in the eleventh and twelfth Concessions of the Township of Sydenham and by lots number fourteen in the first and second Concessions of the Township of Derby, and on the North by Owen Sound and the Indian Lands as they are now limited and bounded.
- IV. The said Town of Owen Sound shall be divided into three Wards, to be called respectively: Bay Ward, Centre Ward, and River Ward; Bay Ward shall consist of all that part of the Town north of

the centre line of Division Street prolonged each way to the East and West boundaries of the Town; Centre Ward shall consist of all that part of the Town lying between Bay Ward as above defined and the centre line of Union Street prolonged each way to the East and West boundaries of the Town; and River Ward shall consist of all that part of the said Town lying South of the centre line of Union Street prolonged as aforesaid.

V. The Municipal Council of the Township of Sydenham shall and may at any time after the passing of this Act, appoint a fit person to be the Returning Officer for holding the first Municipal Election under this Act, and the person so appointed shall on or before the twenty-first day of December next after the passing of this Act, by his Warrant, appoint a Deputy Returning Officer for each of the three Wards into which the Town of Owen Sound is hereby divided, to hold the first election therein: and in the discharge of their duties such Deputy Returning Officers shall be respectively subject to all the provisions of the Upper Canada Municipal Corporations Acts applicable to first Elections in Towns incorporated under the said Acts: Provided always, that at the first Election to be held in the said Town, the qualification of Electors and of Councillors shall be the same as in Townships; And provided also, that inasmuch as the said Town of Owen Sound comprises two of the five Wards of the said Township of Sydenham, therefore the division of the said Township into Wards as now established shall cease upon the first Monday in January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, on which day the annual Election of Councillors in the Township of Sydenham shall be made at a general Township Meeting, to be held at the place where the meetings of the Municipal Council of the Township are held.

VI. This Act shall be deemed a Public Act.