

Laws of Her Majesty's Province of United Canada, passed in the year 1856. Quebec: Stewart Derbyshire and George Desbarts, 1856.

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An Act to set off part of the County of Chicoutimi as a separate Municipality, and to render valid certain Elections in the Townships therein mentioned. Assented to 19th June, 1856.

Whereas the Townships of Kenogomi, Mésy, Labarre, Signai, Caron and Metabetchouan are situate at a great distance from the other settlements of the County of Chicoutimi, between which and them the roads of communication are scarcely opened, and they have no local interest in common with the other Townships of the said County: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

I. From and after the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, the said Townships of Kenogomi, Mésy, Labarre, Signai, Caron and Metabetchouan, with the Townships and tract of country lying north of the Portage des Roches, shall, for the purposes of the Lower Canada Municipal

and Road Act of 1855, be detached from the said County of Chicoutimi, and shall be united into and shall form a separate Municipality by the name of the Municipality of Lake St. John; and the other Townships and the remaining tract of land in the said County shall form the County Municipality of Chicoutimi.

II. The Council of the said Municipality shall consist of seven members elected in the manner prescribed by the said Act with respect to the members of Local Councils, by the inhabitants of the Municipality entitled to vote at such elections, and shall be subject to the provisions of the said Act with respect to Local Councils, except where it is herein otherwise provided; and the said Council and Municipality shall be presided over by an officer elected as the Mayor of Local Municipalities is under the said Act, but who shall have the title of Warden and such of the powers of a Warden as may be consistent with this Act: And the said Municipality and Council shall have all the powers of a local Municipality and Council under the said Act, and also the powers of a County Municipality and Council under the same, except those which relate to the construction of a Court House and Gaol, or of a Registry Office, or such as may be inconsistent with its original jurisdiction as a local Council; and the elections of Councillors, and the sittings of the said Council shall be held at the village of Hébertville, which shall be the chief town, (*chef-lieu*) of the Municipality.

III. Notwithstanding any thing in the said Act, the Secretary Treasurer of the said Municipality may be at the same time the Superintendent thereof; and Commissioners for the summary trial of small causes may be elected Councillors.

IV. The said Municipality shall be organized and may exercise all its powers and functions, although there may not be three hundred souls within its limits; and any proprietor of real property in the Municipality, whatever be the value thereof, may be elected a Councillor.

V. The annexation of the Township of Westbury in the County of Compton to the Township of Aseot in the said County, by the Registrar holding the elections for the said County under the said Act, for Municipal purposes, — and the annexation of the Township of Auckland to the Township of Newport in the said County, — and the annexation of the Township of South Ham to the Township of Ham in the County of Wolfe, — and of the Township of Stoke to the Township of Windsor in the County of Richmond, — by the same officer, for the same purposes, shall be considered and held to be and to have been legal and valid, and the elections of Councillors under such unions, and all the acts, proceedings and by-laws of the Councils of the unions of townships, shall be held to be as legal and valid in all respects as if the said townships had been legally annexed at the time they were so united; and the said townships shall remain united for municipal purposes until separation shall be sought and obtained by the inhabitants of the less populous townships, after such townships shall have acquired a population of three hundred souls.