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

20 Victoria – Chapter 98

An Act to incorporate the Town of Woodstock, and to divide the same into Wards, and to define the limits thereof. Assented to 1st July, 1856.

Whereas the Municipal Council of the Town of Woodstock have, by Petition, prayed the Legislature to incorporate the same into a Town having the same rights, powers, privileges and jurisdiction as Towns in general; And from the said petition, it appears that by a census lately taken, the said Town contains a population exceeding three thousand souls; And whereas it is expedient and necessary and would tend to promote and be for the benefit and convenience of the-inhabitants if the prayer of the said Petition were granted: 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 now known as the Town of Woodstock shall, upon and from and after the first day of January, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, be incorporated as a Town, with the rights, powers, and privileges of incorporated Towns in general, and as if the said Town had been mentioned and included in the Schedule B annexed to the Upper Canada Municipal Corporations Act of 1849, and with the rights, powers and privileges which shall by virtue of any Act or parts of Acts now in force in Upper Canada, or which shall hereafter be in force, belong to incorporated Towns in general; and all the rules, regulations, provisions and enactments therein contained, or which shall in any wise relate or belong to the same, shall apply to the Town of Woodstock as fully as if the said Town had been contained in the said Schedule B., with the exception hereinafter made as regards the first election.
- II. The said Town of Woodstock shall be divided into five Wards in the manner described in the Schedule to this Act.
- III. The Clerk for the time being of the said town of Wood-stock shall be *ex officio* Returning Officer for the purpose of holding the first Municipal Election under this Act, and 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 five wards into which the said Town of Woodstock is hereby divided, to hold the first election therein; and in the discharge of their duties, each Deputy Returning Officer shall severally be subject to all the provisions of the Upper Canada Municipal Corporations Acts applicable to the first elections in Towns incorporated under the said Acts.
- IV. This Act shall be deemed a Public Act.

Schedule.

Wards of the Town of Woodstock.

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St. Andrew's Ward shall be bounded as follows, that is to say: commencing at the point on the northern limit of the town where the centre line of Vansittart street intersects the said northern limit; from thence extending in a southerly direction along the said centre line of Vansittart street to the northern limit of Dundas street.; thence following the same course to the centre line of Dundas street; thence in a southeasterly direction to the point of intersection of the southern limit of Dundas street and the centre line of Bishop street; thence along the centre line of Bishop street and Broadway street, to a point opposite the northern termination of the division line between lots numbers fifteen and sixteen on the south side of Main street; thence southerly to the northern termination of the said division line; thence southerly along the said division line to the southern termination thereof; thence southerly in a straight line to the point where the southern boundary of Sudworth street intersects the centre line of Robertson street thence in a southerly direction along the centre line of Robertson street, to the southern boundary of lot number twenty-one in the first concession of the township of East Oxford; thence in the same course to the southern limit of the town; thence in a westerly direction along the said southern limit to the eastern limit of the allowance for road between the said lot twenty-one and the Gore between East and West Oxford; thence in a northerly direction along the western limit of the town to the southerly bank of Cedar Creek; thence following the limit of the town by Cedar Creek and the River Thames to the north-west corner of the town; thence easterly along the northern limit of the town to the place of beginning.

St. George's Ward shall be bounded as follows, that is to say: commencing at the point on the northern limit of the town where the centre line of Vansittart street intersects the said northern limit; thence extending in a southerly direction along the said centre line of Vansittart street, to the northern limit of Dundas street; thence following the same course to the centre line of Dundas street; thence in an easterly direction along the centre line of Dundas street, to the centre line of Victoria street; thence in a northerly direction along the centre line of Victoria street, to the centre line of Percival street; thence in a westerly direction along the centre line of Percival street, to the centre line of Wellington street; thence in a northerly direction along the centreline of Wellington street, to the northern limit of lot number twenty in the first concession of the township of Blandford; thence continuing the same course to the northern limit of the town; thence along the northern limit of the town, in a westerly direction, to the place of beginning.

St. David's Ward shall be bounded as follows, that is to say: commencing at the point on the northern limit of the town where the centre line of Wellington street produced, would intersect the said northern limit; thence in a southerly direction along the said centre line of Wellington street to the centre line of Percival street; thence in an easterly direction along the said centre line of Percival street, to the centre line of Victoria street; thence in a southerly direction along the centreline of Victoria street, to the centre line of Dundas street; thence in an easterly direction along the centre line of Dundas street, to a point opposite the south-west angle of lot number eighteen, in the first concession of the township of Blandford; thence in a northerly direction to the said south-west angle; thence in a northerly direction along the eastern limit of the town to the north-east angle of the town; thence in a westerly direction along the northern limit of the town to the place of beginning.

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St. Patrick's Ward shall be bounded as follows, that is to say: commencing at the point on the centre line of Dundas street, where the centre line of Vansittart street, produced in a southerly direction, would intersect the centre line of Dundas street; thence in a south-easterly direction to the point where the northern limit of Dundas street intersects the centre line of Bishop street; thence southerly and easterly along the centre lines of Bishop street and Broadway street, to a point opposite the northern termination of the division line between lots numbers fifteen and sixteen on the south side of Main street; thence in a southerly direction to the said northern termination of the said division line; thence in a southerly direction along the said division line to the northern termination thereof; thence in a southerly direction in a straight line to the point where the southern boundary of Sudworth street intersects the centre line of Robertson street; thence in a southerly direction along the centre line of Robertson street, to the southern boundary of lot number twenty-one, in the first concession of the Township of East Oxford; thence following the same course to the southern limit of the town; thence in an easterly direction along the southern limit of the town to a point opposite the southern termination of the division line between lots numbers nineteen and twenty, in the first concession of the Township of East Oxford; thence northerly to the said southern termination of the said division line; thence northerly along the said division line to the southern limit of the Great Western Railway; thence in a westerly direction along the said southern limit of the said Railway to the point where the centre line of Victoria street, if produced southerly, would intersect the said southern limit of the said Railway: thence in a northerly direction along the said produced line to the southern termination of the centre line of Victoria street; thence northerly along the said centre line of Victoria street to the centre line of Dundas street; thence in a westerly direction along the said centre line of Dundas street, to the place of beginning.

St. John's Ward shall be bounded as follows, that is to say: commencing at the point where the centre line of Dundas street intersects the centre line of Victoria street; thence in a southerly direction along the centre line of Victoria street, to the northern boundary of the Great Western Railway; thence following the same course to the southern boundary of the said Railway; thence in an easterly direction along the said southern boundary, to the division line between lots numbers nineteen and twenty in the first concession of the Township of East Oxford; thence in a southerly direction along the said division line, to the northern limit of the allowance for road between the first and second concessions of the Township of East Oxford; thence in the same course to the southern limit of the town; thence in an easterly direction along the southern limit of the town, to the south-east angle of the town; thence in a northerly direction along the eastern limit of The town to the northern limit of Dundas street; thence in a westerly direction along the northern limit of Dundas street to the south-west angle of lot number eighteen in the first concession of the township of Blandford; thence in a southerly direction on the same course as the westerly boundary of the said lot, to the centre line of Dundas street; thence in a westerly direction along the centre line of Dundas street; to the place of beginning.