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An act to define and regulate the limits of certain municipalities and parishes in the counties of Nicolet, Arthabaska and Drummond, and to include in the county of Nicolet, the portions of these municipalities and parishes not now included therein.

[Assented to 9th March, 1878.]

WHEREAS colonization has, during the past few years, made considerable progress, in the counties of Nicolet and Drummond, and several new parishes and municipalities have been erected within the confines of these counties ; and whereas for the purposes of completing the organization of these new parishes and municipalities and to facilitate the putting in operation of the municipal, school and other laws, it has become necessary to make new provisions for the same ; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows :

1. That portion of the parish of *Ste. Brigitte des Saults*, situate in the township of Wendover, in the county of Drummond and in the district of Arthabaska, shall be detached from the said township of Wendover, county of Drummond and district of Arthabaska, and shall, with that portion of the parish of *Ste. Brigitte des Saults*, situate in the county of Nicolet constitute one municipality under the name of " The municipality of the parish of *Ste. Brigitte des Saults*," and shall form part of the latter county, and of the district of Three Rivers.

2. The parish of *Ste. Perpétue*, whose church is situated in the county of Nicolet, as erected by proclamation of the Lieutenant Governor, in December eighteen hundred and sixty-six, shall form a local municipality in the county of Nicolet, which municipality shall include :

1. That portion of the parish of *Ste. Perpétue* which forms part of the municipality of *Ste. Monique*, in the county of Nicolet, and which shall be detached from the said municipality ;

2. That portion of the parish of *Ste. Perpétue* which is situated in the township of Wendover, in the county of Drummond, in the district of Arthabaska, and which

shall be detached from the said township, county and district, to be annexed to the county of Nicolet and district of Three-Rivers.

Municipality
of the parish
of St. Léonard.

3. The municipality of the parish of St. Léonard, situated in the county of Nicolet, shall include :

1. All that portion of the parish of St. Léonard, designated and described in the proclamation of His Excellency the Governor General of the Province of Canada, dated the eighteenth of July eighteen hundred and sixty-two, excepting the lots numbers twenty-six, twenty-seven and twenty-eight of the fifteenth range of the augmentation of the township of Aston, which have since been included in the parish of St. Samuel ;

2. That portion of the said parish which has been detached from the parish of Ste. Monique, to be annexed to the said parish of St. Léonard, by proclamation of His Excellency, dated the ninth of May eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

Municipality
and parish of
St. Samuel.

4. The municipality and parish of St. Samuel, shall include :

1. The eighth and ninth ranges of the augmentation of the township of Bulstrode ;

2. The fifteenth range of the township of Aston, from the line of the augmentation of the township of Bulstrode, to the line of the municipality and parish of St. Léonard ;

3. All that portion of the second range of the township of Horton, situated on the north-east side of the north-east branch of the Nicolet river ;—These three portions of territory are and shall be detached from the municipality of the parish of Ste. Eulalie ;

4. Lots numbers twenty-six, twenty-seven and twenty-eight of the fifteenth range of the township of Aston ; which shall be detached from the municipality of the parish of St. Léonard ;

5. All the lots in the third range of the township of Horton, from and including lot number twelve to the line of the township of Bulstrode ;

6. Lots numbers twelve, thirteen, fourteen, fifteen, sixteen, seventeen, eighteen, nineteen, twenty and twenty-one, in the fourth range of the township of Horton ;

Territory
annexed to
county of
Nicolet.

7. Lots numbers sixteen, seventeen and eighteen, in the fifth range of the township of Horton ; the three latter portions of territory are and shall be detached from the municipality of the parish of Ste. Clothilde de Horton, and from the county and district of Arthabaska, to form part of the municipality of the parish of St. Samuel, and

to be annexed to the county of Nicolet and district of Three Rivers ;

8. Lots numbers twenty-seven and twenty-eight in ^{Idem.} each of the tenth, eleventh and twelfth ranges of the township of Bulstrode, in the municipality of the parish of St. Valère de Bulstrode ; the said lots are and shall be detached from the municipality of the parish of St. Valère de Bulstrode from the county and district of Arthabaska, to form part of the municipality of the parish of St. Samuel and to be annexed to the county of Nicolet and to the district of Three Rivers.

5. The assessment levied by the Trustees of the parish of Ste. Eulalie for the erection of a church in the said parish, in the year 1877, shall be valid. ^{Assessment of Ste. Eulalie declared valid.}

6. Whereas the said parish of St. Samuel is already canonically erected ; whereas it already constitutes a school municipality within the same limits ; whereas by the present act it is erected into a local municipality within the same limits ; whereas the said assessment has been levied only upon a portion of the real estate situate within the civil limits of the parish of Ste. Eulalie, and whereas the real estate of the said parish which forms part of the canonical parish of St. Samuel have not been included in such assessment ; and whereas the said assessment is already partly paid although it is not accompanied with the conditions required by law ; and whereas serious inconvenience may arise therefrom if steps be not taken to render the civil and canonical limits of the said parish of Ste. Eulalie identical ; Therefore, it is enacted, regard being had to the exceptional circumstances above related, that the parish of St. Samuel shall be and is by the present act constituted a civil parish within the limits assigned to it by the aforesaid decree of canonical erection, with the same effect as if it had been erected under chapter eighteen of the consolidated Statutes for Lower Canada. ^{Parish of St. Samuel, civilly erected.}

7. Lots numbers one, two and three of the cadastre or official plan and book of reference of the parish of St. Célestin shall be detached from the municipality and parish of St. Célestin to be annexed to the municipality and parish of the *Nativité de Notre Dame de Bécancour*, in the county of Nicolet. ^{Part of St. Célestin annexed to the Nativité de Notre Dame de Bécancour.}

8. All the dismemberments, annexations and erections hereinabove set forth and described, shall have effect for all electoral, registration, judicial, municipal, parochial, school, and other civil purposes whatever. ^{General effects of this act.}

First election
of councillors
in Ste. Per-
pétue and
St. Samuel

9. The first election of councillors in the municipalities of Ste. Perpétue and St. Samuel shall be held on the first monday of the month of April next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, at the place indicated in the public notice given by the mayor of the municipality of Ste. Monique, for the municipality of Ste. Perpétue, and by the mayor of the municipality of Ste. Eulalie, for the municipality of St. Samuel.

The officer presiding over such election, in giving notice thereof to the councillors elected, shall in the same notice, specify the place, the day and hour at which they shall meet to proceed to the election of the mayor and other officers of the said municipalities.

Anterior
debts and
taxes.

10. All debts contracted or taxes imposed, before the passing of this act, upon any of the municipalities or portions of municipalities hereinabove described, shall remain chargeable upon each respectively and shall be payable and exigible in the same manner as if the present act had not been passed, and in the case of debts contracted by the said municipalities or portions of municipalities as forming part of the counties from which they shall have been detached, the secretary-treasurer of each of the local municipalities in which may be included portions of municipalities detached from the said counties by the present act, shall deliver to the secretary-treasurer of the council of such counties an extract of the valuation roll of his municipality, which extract shall contain the valuation of the property, bound for the payment of such debts, included in the portions of municipalities so separated.

And in all legal proceedings for the recovery of such debts, the said municipalities or portions of municipalities may be summoned before the same court as the municipality from which they were detached.

Electoral list.

11. If, at the time of any federal or local election, the said municipalities should not yet have made lists of electors, the electors of the said municipalities or portions of municipalities shall vote for such election at the places where they would have had the right to vote if this act had not been passed.

Act in force.

12. This act shall come into force on the day of the sanction thereof.