

fied for all civil purposes, under chapter 18 of the consolidated statutes for Lower Canada, subject to the provisions of section two of this act, and to the provisions set forth in the decree of erection, which respects the same.

Meetings of the parishioners. **5.** Meetings for the election of church-wardens, for the rendering of accounts, and for all matters which require the convening of a parochial meeting, in such parishes, shall be composed of the old and new church-wardens, and of persons elected in conformity with the ordinance of the bishop, to constitute the board or body of the *fabrique* ; provided that in any case the church-wardens so elected or the *fabriqual* so constituted shall not have power to oblige or bind the parishioners to the payment of debts contracted by the said church-wardens, or the said *fabriques*, without the previous consent of the said parishioners declared at a general meeting of the parish duly convened after eight days notice.

Payment of debts.

Act in force. **6.** This act shall come into force the day of its sanction.

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An Act to annex certain islands in the parish of Sorel, county of Richelieu, to the parish of *la Visitation de l'Île du Pads*, in the county of Berthier, for parliamentary, municipal, school and registration purposes.

[Assented to 24th December, 1875.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS certain inhabited islands situate at the south-west entrance of lake St. Peter, in the river St. Lawrence, are not included in the limits of the several surrounding parishes ; and it is important to define the limits of the parish of *la Visitation de l'Île du Pads* and of the parish of *St. Pierre de Sorel*, situated respectively, the former in the county of Berthier, and the latter in the county of Richelieu, in such locality ; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows :

Certain islands annexed to the parish of *l'Île du Pads*.

1. The islands hereinafter named situated at the southwestern entrance of lake St. Peter, in the river St. Lawrence, comprised within the limits of the parish of *la Visitation de l'Île du Pads* recognized by the proclamation of the lieutenant-governor of this province, bearing date the fourth day of June, 1875, that is to say : *l'Île des Plantes*, *l'Île Ducharme*, *l'Île Manon*, *l'Île à l'Orme*, *l'Île au Noyer*,

l'Île Lamarche, l'Île à la Caville, situate between *l'Île Madame, l'Île à l'Ours* and *l'Île du Pads*, and also the small islands and battures, comprised in the same territory, shall in future form part of the said parish of *la Visitation de l'Île du Pads* for the same purposes as those mentioned in the following sections.

2. The islands hereinafter named situate in the same place, that is to say, *l'Île du Nord, les Îles de la battures aux carpes, la Girodeau, l'Île Milieu, la Grande Île, l'Île Latraverse, les Îles au Sable*, and all the small islands and battures, comprised in the territory included by the said islands hereinabove named and situated to the north thereof, and to the south of the islands *à l'Aigle* and *à la Grenouille*, shall in future form part of the said parish of *la Visitation de l'Île du Pads*, in the county of Berthier, for all municipal, school, electoral and other purposes.

Certain islands annexed to the same parish.

3. The islands hereinafter named situate in the same place, that is to say: *l'Île de Grâce, l'Île aux Corbeaux, l'Île à la Pierre, l'Île du Moine, l'Île des Barques, l'Île aux Raisins*, and all the small islands and battures comprised within the territory included by such islands, and situate to the south thereof, shall in future form part of the parish of *St. Pierre de Sorel*, in the county of Richelieu, for the same purposes as those mentioned in the preceding section.

Certain islands annexed to the parish of Sorel.

4. The division line of the counties of Berthier and Richelieu, in such locality of the parishes of *la Visitation de l'Île du Pads* and *St. Pierre de Sorel*, shall be as follows: from the limits of the parish of *Ste. Geneviève de Berthier*, the said line shall follow the ship channel in the river St. Lawrence, to the south of *l'Île St. Ignace, l'Île Madame, l'Île Rond, l'Île à l'Ours* and *les Îles au Sable* extending to lake St. Peter, and to the north-western limits of the county of Maskinongé.

Division of the counties of Berthier and Richelieu