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CAP. XXXII.

An Act to incorporate certain Districts of the Parish of Woodstock, in the County of Carleton, to be known as the Town of Woodstock.

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| <p>Section.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Incorporation of described districts.</li> <li>2. Town divided into Wards.</li> <li>3. Government vested in a Town Council.</li> <li>4. Election of Mayor, Councillors and Assessors;</li> <li>5. Their qualification.</li> <li>6. Qualification of voters.</li> <li>7. Assessment lists to be filed with the Town Clerk.</li> <li>8. Disqualification for Mayor, Councillor, or Assessor: payment.</li> <li>9. Refusal to serve or take oath of office;</li> <li>10. Residence without the Town limits; absence from meetings, effect of.</li> <li>11. Time for first and subsequent elections.</li> <li>12. Notice of elections to be given by the Clerk.</li> <li>13. Nomination of candidates.</li> <li>14. Supply of extraordinary vacancies.</li> <li>15. Voting to be by ballot; how counted.</li> <li>16. Court of nomination and the Poll, duration of, and other specialties.</li> <li>17. Poll, when may be sooner closed.</li> <li>18. Return of persons elected, and of votes.</li> <li>19. Final delivery of poll lists, &amp;c. to the Clerk.</li> <li>20. Mayor, how long to continue in office.</li> <li>21. Interim vacancies, notification and supply of.</li> <li>22. Voters—Ward list, tax receipt, oath.</li> <li>23. Swearing or affirming falsely.</li> <li>24. Electors, where to vote.</li> <li>25. Officer holding election to have the power of a peace officer.</li> <li>26. Tax receipts of Mayor, Councillors and Assessors, to be filed.</li> <li>27. Councillor elected for more than one Ward—proceedings.</li> <li>28. Officers to be eligible for re-election;</li> <li>29. To go out of office on day of annual election.</li> <li>30. Meetings of Town Council.</li> <li>31. Court for business, and its Minutes.</li> <li>32. Meetings of Council; who shall preside; casting vote; open doors.</li> <li>33. Minute book to be open for inspection.</li> <li>34. Decision of officer holding election may be reviewed.</li> <li>35. Council may appoint Committees.</li> <li>36. Improper conduct of Councillors, proceedings on.</li> <li>37. Adjournments of Council.</li> </ol> | <p>Section.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>38. Annual election by Council of Clerk, Auditor, Treasurer, and other officers.</li> <li>39. Clerk, Wharfinger, &amp;c. to give Bonds.</li> <li>40. Treasurer to receive all rates, &amp;c. on Town account;</li> <li>41. And disburse only on written order.</li> <li>42. Detailed statement of receipts and expenditures to be published.</li> <li>43. Officers to be accountable to the Council, and accounts open for inspection.</li> <li>44. Council authorized to make laws on specified subjects.</li> <li>45. Council to have sole power over streets, wharves, sewers, &amp;c.</li> <li>46. Authority to raise money by assessment, and by debentures.</li> <li>47. Assessors, duty of, in assessing and filing roll.</li> <li>48. Appointment of Assessor to make the apportionment.</li> <li>49. Council empowered to regulate the collection and recovery of the rates.</li> <li>50. Commitment on want of distrainable property.</li> <li>51. Notice of assessments to non-residents.</li> <li>52. Proceedings against non-resident defaulters.</li> <li>53. Appeal in case of over-assessment.</li> <li>54. Assessments recoverable from owners or occupants.</li> <li>55. Debts to the Corporation to have precedence.</li> <li>56. Assessors may correct errors.</li> <li>57. Assessment to be valid, although 10 per cent. over amount.</li> <li>58. Power to regulate tavern keepers and retailers, transferred to Town Council.</li> <li>59. Citizens and officers to be competent witnesses.</li> <li>60. Mayor and Councillors deemed Justices of the Peace.</li> <li>61. No Mayor or Councillor to be paid for services.</li> <li>62. Assessment of Corporations.</li> <li>63. Recovery of fines.</li> <li>64. Arrangements for support of the poor.</li> <li>65. Assessments for County purposes.</li> <li>66. New election on equality of votes for Mayor.</li> <li>67. Sheriff to hold first election, afterwards persons appointed by the Council.</li> <li>68. Gaol of Carleton to be gaol of the Town.</li> </ol> |
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Passed 1st May 1856

BE it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council, and Assembly, as follows:—

1. That from and after the passing of this Act all the inhabitants of that part of the Parish of Woodstock which is bounded as follows, viz:—Commencing at the River Saint John and at the north side line of lands now owned and occupied by William D. Smith; thence running the same course of said line back or westerly one mile; thence northerly and the same course with the River Saint John until it strikes the upper or north side line of land owned and occupied by the late Anthony Baker in his life time; thence easterly along said north side line to the River Saint John; thence southerly along said River Saint John to the place of beginning, and to include also Bull's Island in front thereof, shall be a Town Corporate in right and in name, by the name of "The Town of Woodstock," and shall have perpetual succession, and a common seal, with power to break, renew, and alter the same at pleasure, and shall be capable in law of suing and being sued, and purchasing and holding lands and tenements for the use of the said inhabitants, and of making and entering into such contracts and agreements

as may be necessary for the exercise of their corporate functions, and to do and execute every other matter or thing incidental to such Corporation, subject to the provisions hereinafter mentioned.

2. That the said Town of Woodstock shall be and hereby is divided into three Wards, viz:—Ward number one, Ward number two, and Ward number three; to be severally bounded as follows:—

Ward Number One—Commencing at the mouth of the Maduxnakick Creek on the north side; thence running along the same to the bridge; thence northerly along the main highway road leading to Canada to the upper boundary line of the said Town; thence easterly along the said line to the River Saint John; thence southerly along the said River Saint John to the place of beginning.

Ward Number Two—Commencing at the Maduxnakick bridge on the west side of the main highway; thence northerly along the said highway to the upper boundary line of the said Town; thence westerly along the said boundary line to the rear line of the said Town; thence southerly along the said rear line until it strikes the Maduxnakick Creek; thence along the said Creek to the place of beginning.

Ward Number Three—Commencing at the River Saint John at the mouth of the Maduxnakick Creek on the south side thereof; thence westerly along said Creek until it strikes the western boundary line of Ward Number Two; thence southerly along the rear boundary line of the said Town until it strikes the lower or southerly boundary line of said Town; thence easterly along said lower or southerly boundary line to the River Saint John; thence northerly along the said River Saint John to the place of beginning; and to include also Bull's Island in front thereof.

3. The administration of the fiscal, prudential, and municipal affairs, and the whole legislative power and government of the said Town, shall be vested in one principal officer, who shall be the Mayor of the Town of Woodstock, and in six other persons, (and in no other power or authority whatever,) two of whom shall be annually elected for each Ward, and who shall be styled Councillors for the Town of Woodstock, all of whom shall be severally elected as is hereinafter directed; and such Mayor and Councillors for the time being shall be the Town Council; and all Bye Laws made by the said Council shall express to be enacted by the Town Council of the Town of Woodstock.

4. There shall be annually elected at the same time hereinafter appointed for the election of Mayor and Councillors one Assessor for each Ward; and no person shall be eligible for that office unless he be resident in the Ward for which he may be elected, and qualified to the extent required in the case of a Councillor.

5. No person shall at any time be qualified to be elected as Mayor, Councillor, or Assessor for the said Town, unless at the time of his election he be resident within the same, of the full age of twenty one years, and shall have been assessed in the Assessment next preceding such election for real or personal estate, or both, within the said Town, to the value of one hundred pounds or upwards, and shall have paid before the time of such election all rates and taxes legally due from him within the said Town.

6. At the first election under this Act for Mayor, Councillors, and Assessors, no person shall be qualified to vote unless he be of the full age of twenty one years, and possessed at the time of such election of real estate or personal property within the