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Ontario Boundaries Extension Act (Can., 1912)

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**Act of the Parliament of the Dominion of Canada
passed in the second year of the reign of His late
Majesty George V.**

CHAPTER 40.

An Act to extend the Boundaries of the Province
of Ontario.

Assented to 1st April, 1912.

Preamble. **W**HEREAS, on the thirteenth day of July, one thousand nine hundred and eight, the House of Commons resolved that the limits of the Province of Ontario should be increased by the extension of the boundaries of the province so as to include the territory hereinafter described, as in the said resolution is more particularly set out, upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed to by the Legislature of Ontario and by the Parliament of Canada: Therefore, subject to the consent of the said Legislature, His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:—

Short title. **1.** This Act may be cited as *The Ontario Boundaries Extension Act*.

Boundaries extended. **2.** The limits of the Province of Ontario are hereby increased so that the boundaries thereof shall include, in addition to the present territory of the said province, the territory bounded and described as follows: Commencing at the most northerly point of the westerly boundary of the Province of Ontario as determined by *The Canada (Ontario Boundary) Act, 1889*, chaptered 28 of the Statutes of 1899 of the United Kingdom, (the said westerly boundary being the easterly boundary of the Province of Manitoba); thence continuing due north along the same meridian to the intersection thereof with the centre of the road allowance on the twelfth base line of the system of Dominion Land Surveys; thence northeasterly in a right line to the most eastern point of Island Lake, as shown in approximate latitude 53° 30' and longitude 93° 40' on the railway map of the Dominion of Canada, published on the scale of thirty-five miles to one inch, in the year one thousand nine hundred and eight, by the authority of the Minister of the Interior; thence northeasterly in a right line

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to the point where the eighty-ninth meridian of west longitude intersects the southern shore of Hudson Bay; thence easterly and southerly following the shore of the said bay to the point where the northerly boundary of the Province of Ontario as established under the said Act intersects the shore of James Bay; thence westward along the said boundary as established by the said Act to the place of commencement; and all the land embraced by the said description shall, from and after the commencement of this Act, be added to the Province of Ontario, and shall, from and after the said commencement, form and be part of the said Province of Ontario, upon the following terms and conditions and subject to the following provisions:—

- (a) That the Province of Ontario will recognize the rights of the Indian inhabitants in the territory above described to the same extent, and will obtain surrenders of such rights in the same manner, as the Government of Canada has heretofore recognized such rights and has obtained surrender thereof, and the said province shall bear and satisfy all charges and expenditure in connection with or arising out of such surrenders. Indian rights in new territory.
- (b) That no such surrender shall be made or obtained except with the approval of the Governor in Council. Surrenders.
- (c) That the trusteeship of the Indians in the said territory, and the management of any lands now or hereafter reserved for their use, shall remain in the Government of Canada subject to the control of Parliament. Trusteeship.

3. Nothing in this Act shall in any way prejudice or affect the rights or properties of the Hudson's Bay Company as contained in the conditions under which that Company surrendered Ruperts Land to the Crown. Hudson's Bay Co. rights preserved.

4. This Act shall come into force on a day to be fixed by proclamation of the Governor in Council published in *The Canada Gazette*, but such proclamation shall not be made until after the Legislature of Ontario shall have consented to the increase of the limits of the province herein provided for, and agreed to the terms, conditions and provisions aforesaid. Commencement of Act. Consent of Ontario Legislature.

[NOTE.—*The reference in the preamble of the above Act to the thirteenth day of July one thousand nine hundred and eight is incorrect; and the correct date is the eighteenth day of March, 1912. See the Journals of the House of Commons of Canada, Vol. XLVII, page 344.*]