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An Act for the appointment of Commissioners to ascertain and report to the Legislature under what provisions it would, be expedient to authorise the erection of a Bridge over the River Saint Charles, at the mouth of the said River. (25th February, 1832.)

Whereas James Kerr, Benjamin Tremain, Edward Burroughs, John Racey, Jeremiah Leaycraft, William Phillips, Benson Bennet, William Smith Sewell, Thomas Cary, John Bell, Hypolite Dubord, John Munn, Noah Freer, James Hunt, Louis Massue, Charles Panet, Henry Black, Louis Panet, James White, Duncan McCallum, John Stewart, John Greaves Claphman, Pierre de Sales Laterriere, John Jackson, Robert Dalkin, John Pye Thirlwall, James McKenzie, George Herman Ryland, Charles Turgeon, Pierre Flavien Burgeon, Pretre, Procureur du Seminaire de Québec, Narcisse Duchesnay, Edward Henderson, John Henderson, Alexis Gravel, Simon Bedard, Peter Patterson, Paul Rinville, Antoine Laurent dit Lortie, Daniel McCallum and Alexis Derousselle, have by their Petition to the Legislature of the Province of Lower Canada set forth the expediency of erecting a Toll Bridge over the River Saint Charles, at a place situate to the east of that now existing over the said River called Dorchester Bridge, and that it is expedient that such a Bridge should be there erected and the exclusive privilege of erecting such Bridge secured to the Petitioners upon certain conditions: Be it therefore enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of Lower Canada, constituted and assembled, by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of Great Britain, intituled, "An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, 'An Act for making more effectual provision for the Government of the Province of Québec, in North America,' and to make further provision for the Government of the said Province;" And it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that it shall be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or person administering the Government of this Province by an instrument under his hand and seal to appoint three fit and proper persons to be Commissioners for the purposes of this Act, and such Commissioners or any of them from time to time, to remove and to appoint another or others in the room of such as shall be removed or shall die or resign their office; Provided always that all expences and disbursements whatsoever attending the issuing of the said Commission or incurred in any way whatsoever in carrying this Act into effect shall be defrayed by the said Petitioners; and that no part or portion thereof shall be paid out of the public monies of the Province.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the said Commissioners or a majority of them shall meet the said Petitioners or any of them wheresoever and as often as they shall deem it expedient, and shall with the Petitioners or a majority of them, consider of and agree upon all such provisions, clauses and conditions as they shall deem proper and

sufficient to be introduced into a Law for giving effect to the Petition of the said Petitioners in the premises for rendering as secure and convenient as possible the navigation of the River Saint Charles in vessels and boats proceeding up the River for communicating with Saint Rock Suburbs, and for the access of the inhabitants of Québec to the River from Ramsay Street to the said Bridge and to the Market.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the said Commissioners or a majority of them shall within fifteen days after the opening of the next Session of the Provincial Parliament, report to the same the opinion in which they and the said Petitioners or a majority of them shall have concurred in the premises in order to the adoption of such Legislative measures thereupon as may be expedient for securing to the Petitioners the privilege of erecting a Bridge over the River Saint Charles, as by them prayed for, and upon the terms and conditions that may be deemed requisite.