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**An Act to appropriate a certain sum of Money therein mentioned for the purpose of improving the Internal Communications of this Province. (26th March, 1830.)**

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,

Whereas the further improvement of the Internal Communications of this Province, may materially facilitate the making of new Settlements, and tend to promote Agriculture and Commerce, We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects the Commons of Lower Canada in Provincial Parliament assembled, humbly beseech your Majesty that it may be enacted: and 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 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 Quebec 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 to and for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or person administering the Government to advance out of the unappropriated monies in the hands of the Receiver General, or which may hereafter come into his hands, a sum not exceeding thirty-eight thousand three hundred and ninety-one pounds six shillings and seven pence currency to be applied to the improvement of the Internal Communications of this Province, in the manner hereinafter mentioned, that is to say:—A sum not exceeding five hundred and seventeen pounds nine shillings and sixpence currency, to complete the Road leading from Coteau du Lac to the line separating this Province from that of Upper Canada:—A sum not exceeding eight, hundred pounds currency to render solid and durable the Road from Noyan to Saint Armand by the Head of Missisquoi Bay, on condition that the Inhabitants will complete the same in a permanent manner; A sum not exceeding four hundred and thirty pounds currency, to complete the De Guire road, leading from the Townships to Sorel; A sum not exceeding two thousand one hundred pounds currency, to improve that part of the road which is on the South West side of the River Saint Francis [Rivière Saint-François], from Hatley to the Ferry, five or six miles below Drummondville, and the road towards Bay Saint Antoine [Baie-Saint-Antoine]; A sum not exceeding one thousand pounds currency, to improve the road from Lake Massiippi towards the Mountain of Saint Hyacinthe, commonly called the Outlet Road; A sum not exceeding eight hundred pounds currency, to open a Road from the northern boundary of Melbourne, across Ely, Roxton, and Milton, as far as the old settlements in the neighbourhood of the Mountain of Yamaska; A sum not exceeding eight hundred pounds currency, to open a road between the settlements, of Yamaska and the River Saint Francis, from the seventh lot in the sixth range of the Township

of Grantham, (where there is at present a road,) through the townships of Grantham and Upton, to a road leading to the Saint Dominique road near Saint Hyacinthe; A sum not exceeding seven hundred pounds currency, to open a road in the Seigniori [Seigneurie] of Saint Croix, from the old settlements in the said Seigniori as far as Craig's Road; A sum not exceeding four hundred pounds currency, to open a road from the land of one M Cullen on the River Beaurivage, across the Seigniories of Saint Giles and Sainte Croix, and the Townships of Nelson and Inverness; A sum net exceeding seven hundred and fifty pounds currency, to open a road from the northern boundary of the Township of Dudswell, to the centre of the same, and also from the northern extremity of the road already made as far as the Township of Ireland; A sum not exceeding five hundred pounds currency, to open a road from the southern boundary of Hereford, across that Township as far as Compton; A sum not exceeding three hundred pounds currency, to open a road between Beloeil and Varennes; A sum not exceeding three hundred pounds currency, towards enabling the inhabitants of the Township of Wendover, and augmentation of Wendover, and Township of Simpson, to repair their roads and make bridges; A sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty pounds currency, to open a road from Lennoxville, in Ascot, as far as the western line of the Township of Eaton; A sum not exceeding five hundred pounds currency, towards enabling the inhabitants of Saint Paul's Bay, to erect a Bridge over the River du Gouffre; A sum not exceeding two hundred pounds currency towards enabling the inhabitants of the Isle of Orleans to open a road from the Church of the Parish of Saint John, crossing the Island, as far as the Church of la Sainte Famille; A sum not exceeding two hundred and fifty pounds currency, to repair the public Toll Bridge over the River Jacques Cartier: A sum not exceeding two hundred pounds currency, towards enabling the inhabitants to improve the avenues of the private Toll Bridge at the mouth of the River Jacques Cartier, on condition that the proprietors of the Bridge reduce their Tolls one third for ten years; A sum not exceeding thirty six pounds currency, towards enabling certain persons of the parish of Ste. Anne de La Perade, to keep up a certain Bye Road in the said Parish, across the land of the Fabrique, and the land of one Bique, from the village of Sainte Anne, to the highway at the River Sainte Anne; A sum not exceeding seventy-five pounds currency for the plans and estimates which have been made of a Bridge over the River Sainte Anne de La Perade, and to procure new estimates of the said undertaking to be laid before the several branches of the Legislature in the next Session; A sum not exceeding two hundred pounds currency, to open a road from the River aux Pins in the Seigniori of Saint Gabriel towards the Valley of the river Sainte Anne; A sum not exceeding three hundred and fifty pounds currency, to open a road from lot number sixteen, at a land belonging to Louis Cantin in the Seigniori of Fossambault as far as the River Jacques Cartier, between numbers thirty and thirty-six, in the fifth range of the said Seigniori; A sum not exceeding two hundred and fifty pounds currency, to open a road at the most convenient place in the Barony of Port Neuf, from the westernmost side, as far as the Valley of the river Sainte Anne; A sum not exceeding three hundred pounds currency, to open a road in the environs of Saint Stanislas in the Valley of Batiscan, as far as the River Saint Maurice; A sum not exceeding one hundred pounds currency, to complete the road already opened in the Township of Caxton; A sum not exceeding four hundred and fifty pounds currency, to complete the road already opened from the rear of the settlements of Berthier in the Township of Brandon, as far a the River Mathan [Matane] Bay; A sum not

exceeding three hundred and thirty pounds currency, to open a road from a lot called the Glebe, in the Township of Rawdon as far as the Grand Saint Esprit, and to make the bridges along the said road; A sum not exceeding three hundred and fifty pounds currency, to continue the Effingham road, between the Seigniories of Terrebonne and Lachenaie, as far as the Township of Kilkenny: A sum not exceeding four hundred pounds currency, to improve the front road of the western half of the Township of Chatham, on the east side of Grenville; A sum not exceeding one thousand pounds currency, to open a road between Beauharnois and Saint Regis, through the Township of Godmanchester; A sum not exceeding one thousand pounds currency, to improve the road leading from the Bay de Ha Ha [Baie des Ha! Ha!], at Trois Pistoles to Rimousky [Rimouski]; A sum not exceeding five hundred pounds currency, towards enabling the inhabitants of the Parish of l'Isle Verte, to erect a Bridge over the River Isle Verte, no part of which sum shall be paid until the inhabitants shall have delivered the materials on the spot; A sum not exceeding five hundred pounds currency, towards enabling the inhabitants of the Parish of Trois Pistoles to erect a bridge over the River Trois Pistoles, no part of which sum shall be paid until the inhabitants shall have delivered the materials on the spot; A sum not exceeding ninety-five pounds four shillings and eleven pence currency, to complete the road between Kamouraska and Riviere Ouelle, and pay the expences of a certain Proces Verbal of the Grand Voyer, respecting the same; A sum not exceeding five hundred pounds currency, to open and continue the road last mentioned, from the Cote de Beaubien to the River Saint Lawrence, and to improve the parts already opened; a sum not exceeding seven hundred pounds currency, to complete the Saint Pierre road and the Saint Thomas road, that is to say, three hundred and fifty pounds currency upon each of the said roads; a sum not exceeding one thousand six hundred pounds currency, to complete the Kennebec road; a sum not exceeding three hundred and fifty pounds currency, to be applied as follows, that is to say, one hundred and fifty pounds to complete the road from the second concession of Saint Francois Nouvelle Beauce to the Bras de l'Ouest, and to build a Bridge over the said Bras, and two hundred pounds to open a road from the said Bras de l'Ouest to the Dudswell road; a sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty pounds currency, to erect a bridge over the River Becancour, and to blast, some stones which are on the road from the Bras du Sud Ouest of Tring to Craig's road in Leeds; a sum not exceeding three thousand pounds currency, to macadamize the Laprairie road; a sum not exceeding five hundred pounds currency, to improve the road leading from the Village of Longueuil to Chambly; a sum not exceeding three hundred pounds currency, to open a road from the third range of Saint Jean Port Joli near the Grist Mill to the Crown Lands; a sum not exceeding two hundred and fifty pounds currency, to open a road from the west of the Church of Cap Saint Ignace, beginning at the front of the second range and proceeding as far as the highway of the third range; a sum not exceeding two hundred pounds currency, to open a road from the Saw Mill of Louis Lemieux, in Saint Vallier, is at present laid out, as far as the Fourche de l'Ouest of Riviere du Sud; a sum not exceeding one hundred and twenty-five pounds currency, to continue the bye road from the Church of the Parish of Saint Gervais, towards the Crown Lands; a sum not exceeding one hundred and twenty-five pounds currency, to continue the road from the Mill of Saint Gervais to Buckland; a sum not exceeding two hundred pounds currency, towards opening a road for the new settlement now forming on the River Etchemin, at the place

called Les Aulnaies des Mines, of which the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Person administering the Government, may determine the direction; a sum not exceeding eighty pounds currency, to finish the bridge over the Etchmin in the Township of Frampton; a sum not exceeding three hundred pounds currency, to complete the road as far as Lake Etchemin; a sum not exceeding five hundred pounds currency, to complete the road from l'Ance des Meres to Sillery; a sum not exceeding one thousand pounds currency, to improve the highway from Three Rivers [Trois-Rivières] to Pointe du Lac; a sum not exceeding Three thousand pounds currency, to continue the improvement of the Roads about Quebec; as follows, that is to say: A sum not exceeding nine hundred pounds for the Beauport Road; a sum not exceeding nine hundred pounds for the Lorette Road; a sum not exceeding six hundred pounds for the Charlesbourg Road; and a sum not exceeding six hundred pounds for the Saint Foy Road; a sum not exceeding two hundred and thirteen pounds thirteen shillings and nine pence currency, to reimburse so much expended by Charles Smith in and about the erection of a certain Bridge oh the Rivulet La Raie; a sum not exceeding two hundred pounds currency, to improve the road called the Chemin de la Grande Allee, near Quebec; a sum not exceeding one hundred pounds currency, to repair the Bridge called the Pont des Commissaires over the River Saint Charles, on the Lorette Road; A sum not exceeding Two hundred and fifty pounds currency, to improve the Bye-road, called the Route Sainte Claire; a sum not exceeding two hundred and fifty pounds currency, to improve the road commonly called the Chemin de la Misere; a sum mot exceeding one thousand pounds currency, to improve the Point Levi Road, from McKenzie's Hotel at the Ferry, and proceeding downwards one league and a half from the said Hotel; A sum not exceeding, one hundred and twenty-five pounds currency, to improve the road prayed for by the inhabitants of Stoneham; A sum not exceeding two hundred pounds, currency, to make a Road from the end of the Roche Platte in Stoneham, by the most direct and convenient course, until it meet the Stoneham Road, and to make the Bridges on the said Road; A sum not exceeding five hundred and four pounds currency, to improve the Road opened last year from Gentilly to the River Becancour; A sum not exceeding two hundred pounds currency, to improve the Road in the four rear Concessions of Gentily in the lower parts of the Parish; A sum not exceeding sixty pounds currency, to clear and complete the Water Course opened by the proprietors of the lands in the Savanne of Boucherville and Varennes, the said Water Course beginning at a lot of land belonging to Louis Deschambault, Esquire, and running in a line nearly parallel with the Water Course opened last year by the Commissioners for the County of Kent; A sum not exceeding one thousand pounds currency, towards turning or in part turning the course of the Little River [Rivière Saint-Pierre], north of the old limits of the Town of Montreal, which sum shall be applied by Commissioners appointed or to be appointed for the purpose; who are hereby empowered to cause to be made all the works necessary, by days' work or by contract, as they shall deem most beneficial to the public, any Law to the contrary notwithstanding; A sum not exceeding three thousand pounds currency, to be applied by Commissioners appointed or to be appointed for the purpose as follows: that is to say: A sum not exceeding twelve hundred pounds currency, to continue the improvement of the highway from the Cote des Neiges, in the Parish of Saint Laurent, as far as the front road near the Abord a Plouf [L'Abord-à-Plouffe]; A sum not exceeding four hundred pounds currency, to continue the improvement of the new Road in the parishes of

Saint Laurent and Sault aux Recollets, as far as the front road of the said Sault aux Recollets; a sum not exceeding six hundred pounds currency, to continue the Macadamizing and repairing in certain places the road from the Town to Long Point; a sum not exceeding two hundred pounds currency, to diminish the steepness of the Cote de la Montague; and improve the road leading thereto, within the Hundred Chains; a sum not exceeding three hundred pounds currency, towards opening and making a road from the village of the Tanneries des Rollands, or the environs thereof, as far as the front road on the river Saint Lawrence, as soon as the said road shall have been laid out and verbalized by the Surveyor of highways of the Town and Parish of Montreal; a sum not exceeding three hundred pounds currency, to be applied to the Macadamizing or improving in some other way, of such roads or parts of roads, within the Hundred Chains, or beyond them, as they shall find it expedient so to improve: and such Commissioners are hereby authorized, wherever they shall Macadamize the highway beyond the limits of the said Hundred Chains, to require of every proprietor along the front of whose property such Macadamizing shall be made, that he do contribute to the preparing of the ground, or making of the road, to an amount not exceeding five pounds currency, for every arpent in front, and in proportion for a greater or less portion of the road to be kept in repair at the charge of such proprietor: a sum not exceeding one hundred and twenty-four pounds eighteen shillings and five pence currency, to reimburse John Saxton Campbell, Andrew Moir, and Joseph Dyke, Commissioners for the Sillery Road, a like sum expended by them upon that road over and above that appropriated by the Act in that behalf: a sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty- pounds currency, to finish the two roads across the Seigniorie of Neuville, as far as Bourg Louis: a sum not exceeding two hundred pounds currency, for a road across the Seigniorie of Bourg Louis, as far as the River Saint Anne: a sum not exceeding three hundred pounds currency, to make a road from the Township of Potton leading to Montreal, in such direction as shall be deemed most beneficial for the inhabitants of the said Township: a sum not exceeding one thousand pounds currency, towards enabling the inhabitants to improve the road leading from Copp's Ferry in the Township of Bolton, across Brome, Dunham, Farnham, and the Seigniorie of Monnoir, as far as the Mountain Saint Therese.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or person administering the Government by an instrument or instruments under his hand and seal, to nominate and appoint fit and proper persons to act as Commissioners for directing and superintending the expenditure of the said several sums of money, and to remove all or any of the said Commissioners, and to appoint from time to time others in their places.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the said Commissioners of the Internal Communications may whenever they shall see fit require the Grand Voyer of the District, or his Deputy, to repair to and examine and lay out and establish such roads and bridges as they shall consider it expedient to cause to be made under this Act, and also to regulate the keeping the same in repair for the future, which Grand Voyer or his Deputy, upon being so required, shall proceed in the manner by law prescribed to the making of a Proces Verbal, to be submitted for ratification in the manner by the said law prescribed.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the said Commissioners for the Internal Communications, shall not apply any part of the said monies without reporting their proceedings to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or person administering the Government and obtaining previously the approbation of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or person administering the Government, relative to the proposed application of such monies, whether the same be expended in days' work or under contract.

V. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the said Commissioners for Internal Communications after having obtained the approbation of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or person administering the Government, shall in all cases wherein they shall deem it advisable that the work should be performed by contract, during three weeks announce by advertisement in all the newspapers published in the District, and by causing such advertisement to be read at the doors of the two Churches nearest to the places where such work is to be performed, on two successive Sundays immediately after divine service in the morning, that they will receive proposals in writing for the performance of such work, and that such proposals must be given in before a certain day named in such advertisement, and must contain the names of two good and sufficient securities, and that on the same day the said proposals will be opened, and the said Commissioners shall accept the tender or proposal, (provided the same be approved by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or person administering the government) of the person who may offer to perform the said work at the lowest price, and the said Commissioners from, time to time shall pay and satisfy to such contractor, as the work shall be proceeded in, monies on account until a sum not exceeding one third part of the sum contracted for shall have been paid and satisfied; but it shall not be lawful to pay the remaining two-third parts until the whole work shall be completed and finished, according to contract and certified as hereinafter directed.

VI. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that whenever it shall be deemed advisable that the said work should be performed by day labour, it shall be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or person administering the government for the time being, to advance from time to time, monthly or otherwise, as he shall think fit, the sums of money necessary for paying the labourers and superintendants, their wages.

VII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that each and every Commissioner who shall expend money by days' work, shall, in addition to the receipts of the persons by him employed for all monies paid, render an account thereof upon oath in writing, and shall state therein that the account is just and true, and that the monies by him expended have been fairly and honestly applied to the purpose for which they were granted, and that he procured the best labour in his power and at the lowest rate of wages; which oath any one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace is hereby empowered and required to administer, without fee or reward.

VIII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that there shall be allowed to the Commissioners by whom and under whose superintendence such work shall have been

made and performed, such sum as shall be sufficient to defray the expenses of managing, conducting and superintending the same in manner hereby required; which sum shall be ascertained by an account rendered in writing and sworn to by such Commissioner or Commissioners before any one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, and such Justice is hereby required and empowered to administer the necessary oath; Provided always, that such sum shall in no case exceed five percent on the sum so expended under the management, conduct and superintendance of such Commissioners.

IX. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that after the expiration of two years, from the passing of this Act, no contract shall be entered into, nor any work commenced under the authority thereof, and that such part or balance of the monies hereby appropriated as shall not be expended after the payment of all sums due on contracts entered into, or for day's work performed under the authority hereof, shall remain at the future disposal of the Provincial Legislature for the public uses of the Province, and in the hands of the Receiver General thereof.

X. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the said Commissioners shall report to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or person administering the Government, and to the two Houses of the Provincial Parliament at the then next Session thereof, the improvements which shall have been made under this Act, with such other conservations and information as they may deem it expedient to give, on the improvements to be made in the internal Communications of this Province.

XI. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the due application of the monies hereby appropriated shall be accounted for to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, through the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury for the time being, in such manner and form as His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors shall be pleased to direct.