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10 & 11 George IV – Chapter 28

An Act to provide for the improvement and enlargement of the Harbour of Montreal. (26th March, 1830.)

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,

Whereas the Harbour of Montreal is at present insufficient for the accommodation of the shipping by which it is frequented, and it is expedient that it be improved and enlarged; May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted and be it 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 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 for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or person administering the Government to appoint three Commissioners for the purpose of carrying this Act into effect, and to remove the same and appoint others in their stead, when need shall be.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the said Commissioners shall proceed to improve and enlarge the said Harbour, according to the Plan made by Captain Piper of the Royal Engineers, which plan shall be deposited in the Office of the Provincial Secretary: Provided always that only that portion of the said work lying between the upper end of Moreau's Wharf (marked number two, in the said plan,) and Saint Gabriel-street, (marked number five in the said plan,) including the improvements of Market Island and the revetement of that part of Commissioners-street which is included within the said limits shall be commenced or undertaken under the authority of this Act: Provided further that no part of the said work shall be undertaken or commenced until the property of the said Market Island shall be vested in the said Commissioners and their successors, for the purposes of this Act; and the said Commissioners and their successors are hereby empowered to take, have and hold, the same in trust for the purposes aforesaid.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that for the purpose of defraying the expenses attending the execution of the said work, it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners to borrow from time to time, at the legal rate of interest, or on more advantageous terms if it be in their power, and as the same may become necessary for the purposes aforesaid, any sum or sums not exceeding in the whole Ten Thousand Pounds Currency.

IV. And whereas it is expedient that the due payment of the interest of the sums of money so borrowed, should be provided for by the Province, until the said work be executed, and Legislative provision made for the collection of Wharfage and other dues of that nature, out of which the said interest and the principal sum so borrowed may be paid; Be it therefore further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Person administering the Government to authorise by Warrants under his hand the advance to the said Commissioners of such sums of money, out of any unappropriated monies in the hands of the Receiver General, as may be necessary to enable the said Commissioners to pay the said interest, and such advances shall be made in the months of January and July in each and every year, and the said Commissioners shall on the receipt thereof immediately pay over the sums so advanced to the persons to whom such interest may be due.

V. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the said Commissioners shall, within fifteen days after the opening of each Session of the Provincial Legislature lay before the several Branches thereof, a full and detailed account of their proceedings during the time they shall continue to act under the authority of this Act.

VI. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the due application of the monies advanced under the authority of this Act 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 direct.