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10 & 11 George IV – Chapter 43

**An Act to appropriate a certain sum of Money for the purpose of ascertaining whether it be practicable to erect a Bridge across the River Saint Maurice, and for other purposes therein mentioned. (26th March, 1830.)**

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,

Whereas it is expedient to ascertain whether it be practicable to erect a Bridge over the River Saint Maurice in the District of Three Rivers, from the land belonging to George Rocheleau in the Parish of Le Cap de la Magdeleine [Cap-de-la-Madeleine], to the Isle Saint Christophe [Saint Kitts], thence across another channel of the said river to the land of one Joseph Montmenil in the Parish of Three Rivers, near the Town of Three Rivers [Trois-Rivières]; 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 of this Province to issue his Warrant or Warrants for the advance of a sum of money not exceeding six hundred pounds currency, to certain Commissioners whom he is hereby authorized to appoint by a Commission under his hand and seal for the purpose of carrying this Act into effect.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the said Commissioners shall soon as it may be possible after their appointment proceed to ascertain whether it be practicable to build a Bridge across the said River Saint, Maurice at the said place by driving piles into the bed of the said river in such manner and position that the said piles may thereafter form part of the support of such bridge if they be not moved from their position by the current of the said river or by the ice floating therein or by any other cause. Provided always that should it appear to the said Commissioners that any other mode of supporting the said Bridge would be more eligible and afford a better prospect of success, it shall be lawful for them to cause such experiments to be made as shall be necessary to ascertain the advantages attending the same; and generally to obtain such information and to make such experiments as may appear to them best adapted for enabling them to determine whether it be practicable to erect such Bridge the probable expence thereof and the best method of constructing the same.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the said Commissioners shall within fifteen days after the opening of the next Session of the Provincial Legislature, lay before the three Branches thereof a detailed account of their proceedings under the authority of this Act and of the manner in which the monies advanced under the authority thereof shall have been expended and applied and a correct description (illustrated by drawings or a model) of the mode of construction which they shall consider it would be most expedient to adopt in the erection of the said Bridge if they shall consider it practicable to erect the same.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that out of the sum hereby appointed, a sum not exceeding seventy-five pounds currency, shall be paid to Francois Normand, of the town of Three-Rivers, as a remuneration for the services by him performed in making Survey, Plan, and Estimate, with reference to the said Bridge; and a sum not exceeding twenty-five pounds currency, to Petrus Noiseux, of the town of Three-Rivers as a remuneration for his services in making a Survey, Plan, and Estimate with reference to the said Bridge.

V. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the due application of all the monies advanced, under the authority of this Act shall be accounted for to His Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, through the Lords Commissioner of His Majesty's Treasury for the time being, in such manner and form as His Majesty, his Heirs and Successors shall direct.