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1 William IV – Chapter 5

**An Act to authorize the expenditure of certain sums of Money therein mentioned, for deepening the Little River Saint Pierre, at Montreal, and for making a Basin near the Lachine Canal. (31st March, 1831.)**

Whereas the money allowed to be expended last year out of the Lachine Canal Tolls, for deepening the Little River Saint Peter, and removing obstructions thereon, in order to meet the complaints of the Proprietors of the adjoining lands respecting injuries alleged to arise from the leakage of the Canal, has been found to be beneficial, and Petitions have been presented praying for aid to extend the same: And whereas the Commissioners of the Canal in their Report have recommended a Basin to be formed on the South-East side of the Canal, above the Windmills, as a measure of great utility for placing thereon Boats and Vessels navigating the Canal when not employed in loading or unloading: 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 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 there may be applied by the Commissioners of the said Canal out of the Tolls thereof a sum not exceeding two hundred pounds currency, for forming the said Basin, and also a sum not exceeding four hundred pounds, currency, for continuing the deepening, removing obstructions thereon, straightning and otherwise improving the said Little River Saint Peter, from the Tunnel thereof, upwards as far as the said sum will extend, and that should the formation of the said Basin, not require the full sum of two hundred pounds currency, then the difference may be applied towards the purposes for which the said four hundred pounds are to be applied, and in addition thereto.

II. And whereas the Banks of the Canal are injured by Rafts-of Fire-Wood, and the Navigation by Boats impeded from the difficulty of passing such Rafts as well as by wood dropping therefrom and sinking in the Canal, whereby obstructions are created which cannot be effectually removed without letting off the water: Be it therefore further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that no Raft of Fire-Wood shall be admitted into the Lachine Canal after the first day of August next.