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1 William IV – Chapter 8

**An Act to appropriate certain sums of Money therein mentioned, for the Improvement of the Internal Communications of the Province. (31st March, 1831.)**

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,

Whereas the further improvement of the Internal Communications of the Province will materially facilitate the formation of new Settlements, and tend to promote Agriculture and Commerce;—We Your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects the Commons of Lower-Canada, most humbly pray 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 advance by warrant under his hand, and out of any unappropriated Monies in the hands of the Receiver General, a sum not exceeding forty-seven thousand eight hundred and eighty-three pounds and sixpence, one farthing currency, to be applied to the improvement of the Internal Communications of the Province, in the manner hereinafter mentioned;—that is to say;—County of Gaspé, a sum not exceeding three thousand four hundred and twenty-six pounds currency; whereof one moiety shall be advanced in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one, and the other moiety, in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two, for completing the road from Metis to Ristigouche:—Provided always, that no part of the said Monies shall be advanced until the sum heretofore appropriated for the improvement of the said Road shall have been accounted for by the Commissioners to whom it was advanced; County of Beauce, a sum not exceeding two hundred pounds currency, for completing the Kennebec Road, by making a clearance on each side of the said Road.— County of Kamouraska, a sum not exceeding one hundred and eighty-five pounds nineteen shillings and six-pence currency, for continuing and completing the Road from Kamouraska to Riviere Ouelle, according to the Report made by the Commissioners.— County of L'Islet, a sum not exceeding, six hundred pounds currency, for completing the Road from Saint Thomas to Saint Pierre; a sum not exceeding thirty pounds currency, for completing the Road in the Parish of Saint Jean Port Joli; a sum not exceeding eighteen pounds three shillings and ten-pence currency, to reimburse a like sum expended by Jean Baptiste Fortin, one of the Commissioners for the Road through the Seigniory [Seigneurie] of Bonsecours.—County of Bellechasse, a sum not exceeding two hundred pounds currency, for

completing Louis Lemieux's Road, as far as the west forks in the Parish of Saint Vallier.—County of Dorchester, a sum not exceeding one thousand pounds currency, for improving the Road leading from McKenzie's Hotel, towards the Church at Point Levi—County of Lotbiniere, a sum not exceeding two hundred and, fifty pounds currency, for completing the Road through the middle of the Seigniorship of Saint Croix.—County of Nicolet, a sum not exceeding three hundred and fifty pounds currency, for completing the Road from the fourth Concession of the Seigniorship of Gentilly, to the River Becancour.—County of Yamaska; a sum not exceeding eleven pounds two shillings and ten-pence, three farthings, currency, to reimburse alike sum advanced by the Commissioner for the De Guire Road, between Sorel and the Eastern Townships, and a sum not exceeding fifty-eight pounds seventeen shillings and one penny one farthing currency, for completing the said Road.—County of Stanstead, a sum not exceeding one thousand five hundred pounds currency, for completing the Road from the head of the Massawippi Lake, to the Yamaska Mountain, commonly called the "Outlet Road."—County of Drummond, a sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty pounds currency, for completing the Road across the Township of Wendover and the Gore Lots of that Township; a sum not exceeding one hundred pounds currency, for completing the Road through the Township of Simpson.—County of Sherbrooke, a sum not exceeding two hundred pounds currency, for improving the Road leading from Sherbrooke to Stanstead, commencing at the North line of the Township of Hatley, and passing through the swamp to the house of one Levi Smith; a sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty pounds currency for completing the Road from Lennoxville, in the Township of Ascot, to the Western Line of the Township of Eaton; a sum not exceeding five hundred pounds currency, for completing the Road from the Settlements in the Township of Compton, to the Province Line, in the Township of Hereford.—County of Stanstead, a sum not exceeding two hundred and thirty pounds currency, for improving the River Road through the Townships of Durham and Melbourne; a sum not exceeding three hundred and sixty pounds currency, for improving the Main Road through the Township of Brompton; a sum not exceeding five hundred pounds currency, for improving the Bolton Road, from the Magog Lake, to the Ste. Therese Mountain; a sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty pounds currency, for continuing the Road passing from La Baie Saint Antoine to the Ferry at Drummondville; a sum not exceeding three hundred pounds currency, for completing the Main Road from Sorel to Sherbrooke in the Townships of Grantham and Wickham.—County of Saint Hyacinthe, a sum not exceeding two hundred pounds currency, for completing the first part of the Road through the Township of Grantham along the River Saint Francis, known as the Saint Dominique Road leading to the Seigniorship of Saint Hyacinthe; a sum not exceeding two hundred pounds currency for completing the second part of the said Road known as the Saint Dominique Road in the Seigniorship of Saint Hyacinthe.—County of Chambly, a sum not exceeding two hundred and fifty pounds currency, for improving and draining the Road from Longueuil to Chambly; a sum not exceeding, one hundred pounds currency, for completing the outlet passing along the line separating the Seigniorships of Boucherville and Montarville.—County of Laprairie, a sum not exceeding one thousand pounds currency, for continuing and completing the High Road between Laprairie and Saint John's; County of Beauharnois, a sum not exceeding, thirty-six pounds eleven shillings currency, to reimburse a like sum advanced by John Davidson, Commissioner for the Road from Beauharnois to Saint Regis; a sum not

exceeding one hundred pounds currency, for improving the Road from Caugnawaga [Kahnawake] to Saint Regis.—County of the Two Mountains, a sum not exceeding five hundred pounds currency, for completing the Road from Grenville to Hull.—County of Terrebonne, a sum not exceeding three hundred pounds currency, for continuing and completing the Effingham Road.—County of Berthier, a sum not exceeding two hundred pounds currency, for completing the Road from Brandon to the River Matambaie.—County of Saint Maurice, a sum not exceeding one hundred pounds currency, for completing the Road leading to the Township of Caxton.—County of Champlain, a sum not exceeding three hundred pounds currency, for completing the Road from the Valley of Batiscan to the River Saint Maurice.—County of Portneuf, a sum not exceeding one hundred pounds currency, for completing the Road across the Seigniorship of Bourg Louis to the River Saint Anne; a sum not exceeding two hundred pounds currency, for continuing the Road in the Seigniorship of Fossambault [Fossambault-sur-le-Lac]; a sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty pounds currency, for building a bridge over the River Sainte Anne, in the County of Portneuf; a sum not exceeding one hundred pounds currency, for completing the Road across the Seigniorship of Neuville as far as Bourg Louis, and to open another Road from the concession of Saint Jean to the concession of Saint Charles, in the said Seigniorship; a sum not exceeding seventy-five pounds currency, for completing the approaches to the Toll Bridge over the River Jacques Cartier.—County of Quebec, a sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty pounds currency, to continue the Road from Saint Pierre to the Township of Stoneham; a sum not exceeding five hundred pounds currency, for continuing the Macadamization of the Road from Beauport towards the Falls of Montmorency and for lowering the Hills on the said Road; a sum not exceeding six hundred pounds currency, for continuing the Macadamization of the Saint Foix Road; a sum not exceeding six hundred pounds currency, for continuing the Macadamization of the Charlesbourg Road; a sum not exceeding four pounds three shillings and six-pence currency, to reimburse a like sum to the Commissioner for the Saint Louis Road, Quebec; a sum not exceeding one thousand five hundred pounds currency, for the following purposes; that is to say—a sum not exceeding six hundred and fifty pounds currency, for continuing the Macadamization of the Lorette Road; a sum not exceeding five hundred pounds currency, for continuing the Macadamization of the Misere Road, on the North side of the River Saint Charles; a sum not exceeding three hundred and fifty pounds currency, for continuing the Macadamization of the Route Saint Clair, leading to Charlesbourg.—County of Saguenay, a sum not exceeding seven hundred and fifty pounds currency, for completing the Road from Saint Paul's Bay [Baie-Saint-Paul] to the River Sainte Anne.—County of Orleans, a sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty pounds Currency, for completing the Road in the Parishes of Saint Jean and La Sainte Famille, in the Island of Orleans:—County of Vaudreuil, a sum not exceeding sixty-five pounds eleven shillings and one half-penny currency, to reimburse a like sum to Etienne Roy, John Simpson and G. Beudet, Commissioners for ascertaining the best means of improving the Navigation of the River, Saint Lawrence, above the Cascades, being so much disbursed by them over and above the Monies appropriated for that purpose.—County of Gaspé, a sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty pounds currency, for continuing the Road from Cape Rosier to La Riviere aux Renards; a sum not exceeding one hundred pounds currency, for continuing a Road already commenced from Perce to Pabos.—County of Rimouski, a sum not exceeding

two hundred pounds currency, for opening a front Road and a by-Road (Route) or outlet Road, in the Parish of Saint George de Kakona, in the County of Rimouski.—County of Kamouraska; a sum not exceeding three hundred pounds currency for opening a Road in the Parish of Saint Anne, and in the Township of Ixworth [Saint-Onésime-d'Ixworth], in the County of Kamouraska, commencing at the end of the Lots in the second concession of the Parish of Saint Anne, and continued into the third concession between the lands of Michel Collin, and Abraham Lagasse, and thence continued to the ninth, and tenth Lots in the said Township, and continued, on a strait line between the stud Lots.—County, of L'Islet, a sum not exceeding two hundred pounds currency, for improving the Road between the two Crane Islands and Goose, Island.—County of Dorchester, a sum not exceeding two hundred and fifty pounds currency, for improving Labadie's Hill in the Parish of Point Levi.—County of Beauce, a sum not exceeding one thousand four hundred and ten pounds currency, towards improving the internal communications in the Counties of La Beauce and Dorchester, that is to say—a sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty pounds currency, for straightening the Kennebec Road, on Lot Number thirty-seven; a sum not exceeding four, hundred pounds currency, for making a Bridge over the River La Famine, and for lowering the Hills in the Fief De Lisle, on the said Kennebec Road; a sum not exceeding four hundred pounds currency, for altering the direction of the Road "du Rapide" in the Parish of Saint Francois, and for improving the Road "du Rocher" on the said Parish; a sum not exceeding two hundred pounds, currency, for straightening the Road des Plaines, in the Parish of Saint Joseph, and making Bridges in the said Road, a sum not exceeding one hundred pounds currency, for improving several Hills in the Parish of Sainte Marie; a sum not exceeding sixty pounds currency, for. straightening the Road from the Fourchet, beginning at the House of one Joseph Chambelland and proceeding twenty-five arpents or thereabouts towards the south-west in the Parish of Saint Henri, in the County, of Dorchester; a sum not exceeding one hundred pounds currency, for straightening the road called "La Pellee," in the Parish of Saint Henri.—County of Megantic, a sum not exceeding fifty-three pounds ten shillings currency, to reimburse to the Commissioners for opening a Road from the Lands of one McCullum on the River Beaurivage to the Township of Inverness, a like sum by them disbursed over and above the sum appropriated for that purpose, a sum not exceeding five hundred pounds currency, for, completing the Road from the lands of one McCullum, on the River Beaurivage in the Seigniorship of St. Giles [Saint-Gilles], to the Townships of Neilson and Inverness; a sum not exceeding two hundred and fifty pounds currency, for building a Bridge across the River Becancour, on the line of the Road last named, at or near the place where, the said River joins the Palmer River.—County of Lotbiniere, a sum not exceeding one hundred, and fifty pounds currency, to be expended either in improving the Hill called "Cote a Gaspard," in the Parish of Sainte Croix, or in erecting a Bridge by means of which the said Hill may be avoided, as may be deemed most advisable: a sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty pounds currency, for continuing the Road from the second concession of the Seigniorship of Lotbiniere to Saint Jean D'Echaillons.—County of Nicolet, a sum not exceeding two hundred and fifty pounds currency, for building a Pier in the River Nicolet, in such manner as to ascertain whether it be practicable to erect a Bridge over the said River; a sum not exceeding two hundred pounds currency, for improving the Hills (Cotes) in the River aux Orignaux, and the River a la Graisse in the second concession of the Seigniorship of Saint Pierre les Becquets.—

County of Yamaska, a sum not exceeding one thousand pounds currency, towards building a Bridge over the River Yamaska, opposite the Church of the Parish of Saint Michel d'Yamaska, on condition that the said Bridge shall be a Draw-Bridge, and that no part of the said sum shall be expended until sufficient security shall be given by the Inhabitants interested in the said Bridge that the same shall be completed at their own cost and expence.—County of Drummond, a sum not exceeding four hundred pounds currency, towards enabling the inhabitants of the Townships of Wickham and Grantham to open certain Roads, that is to say a sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty pounds currency, for opening a Road from the River Saint Francis to the rear between the Townships of Wickham and Grantham; a sum not exceeding one hundred pounds currency, to enable the inhabitants of the said Township of Grantham, to make four miles of Road from Prevost's Mill through the second range towards the lower part of the said Township; a sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty pounds currency, to enable the inhabitants of the ninth and tenth ranges of the said Township of Wickham, to open a Road from said ranges on or near the line between the seventeenth and eighteenth Lots down to the King's Highway; a sum not exceeding three hundred pounds currency, towards enabling the inhabitants of the Country in the rear of the Township of Shipton [Danville] to make a road through the Township of Kingsey [Kinsey Falls] to the River Saint Francis; a sum not exceeding one hundred pounds currency to reimburse Captain A. G. Douglass for certain monies .by him expended on the Road from Saint Gregoire to the Township of Kingsey.—County of Sherbrooke, a sum not exceeding three thousand pounds currency, for improving the navigation of the River Saint Francis; a sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty pounds currency, for improving, the Road from the west line of the Township of Eaton through the said Township, as far as the House of Josiah Lothrop; a sum not exceeding five hundred pounds currency for opening and completing the Road from Dudswell to Lennoxville; a sum not exceeding seven hundred pounds currency, for repairing and completing the Road already partly opened from the middle of the Township of Dudswell across the Townships of Westbury, Eaton, Clifton, and Hereford [East Hereford]; a sum not exceeding five hundred pounds currency, for opening and completing a Road from Lennoxville in the Township of Ascot to join the Road leading from Stanstead to Montreal.—County of Stanstead, a sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty pounds currency, for opening, improving, and completing a Road commencing at the Village of Sherbrooke in the Township of Ascot, and meeting the outlet Road at or near Belvidere, in the said Township; a sum not exceeding two hundred and fifty pounds currency, for completing a Road leading from Montreal by way of the Yamaska Mountain and the Township of Shefford, to the head of Lake Massawippi, and for improving another road leading from the Township of Compton through the Townships of Barford and Hereford, to the head of the Connecticut River; a sum not exceeding five hundred pounds currency, for improving the Road from the land of Ruben Hains, at the head of Lake Massawippi, to the land of Jonathan Ayers, in the Township of Hatley.—County of Lacadie [L'Acadie], a sum not exceeding one thousand pounds currency, for improving certain Roads in the County of Lacadie, that is to say:—A sum not exceeding five hundred pounds currency, for improving the Post or Stage Road leading directly from Laprairie to the Province Line, (and striking the said line near the Village of Champlain, in the State of New-York), by erecting a new Bridge on the said Road, over the Little River Montreal [Rivière Saint-Pierre], and by repairing that part of the said Road South of the said River in

the Seigniories of La Cole, and DeLery; a sum not exceeding seventy-five pounds currency, towards defraying the expences. of erecting a new Bridge across the River La Cole, near the Stone Grist-Mill; on the first concession of the Seignior of La Cole; a sum not exceeding seventy-five pounds currency, towards improving the Road already opened, and commencing at the Province Line, at the rear line of the first concession in the Seignior of La Cole, and intersecting the Road leading East and West, near the house of John Scutt; a sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty pounds currency, for improving the Roads in the Seignior of DeLery; a sum not exceeding two hundred pounds currency, for improving the Roads in the Township of Sherrington; the two sums last named being expended on the said Roads in such manner as the Commissioners shall deem most advisable.—County of Beauharnois, a sum not exceeding six hundred' pounds currency, for improving the Road known by the name of the "Norton Creek Road" leading through Russeltown, to the Province Line; a sum not exceeding one hundred pounds currency, for exploring, examining, and ascertaining the best lines for the new Roads required in the County of Beauharnois; a sum not exceeding five hundred pounds currency, for improving that portion of the Road leading from Laprairie, West of the River Saint Pierre, in the Mission of Saint Remy; a sum not exceeding three hundred pounds currency, towards enabling the inhabitants of the Township of Hinchinbrooke, to make a road from the land of John Manning, to the Village of Huntingdon.—County of the Two Mountains, a sum not exceeding five hundred pounds currency, towards erecting a Wooden Bridge over the River du Nord in the concession of Saint Andre, in the Seignior, of Argenteuil; a sum not exceeding two hundred and fifty pounds currency, for cleansing the River du Nord; in the County of the Two Mountains.—County of L'Assomption,, a sum not exceeding one hundred pounds currency, to enable the inhabitants to make two by-Roads in the Parish of L'Assomption, that is to say one by-Road from the Pointe du Jour to the River of L'Assomption, and another from the South-Western Bank of the said River to the Road which divides the Seignior of Saint Sulpice from the Fief Bayeul [Fief de Bailleul].—County of Montreal, a sum not exceeding one hundred pounds currency, for repairing and Macadamizing the Highway from Rolland's Tanneries to La Cote Saint Paul.—County of Berthier, a sum not exceeding four hundred and seventy pounds currency, for opening a Road in the Township of Kildare [Saint-Ambroise-de-Kildare], from the fourth Range to the twelfth Range inclusively; a sum not exceeding two hundred and sixty pounds currency, towards opening a Road of communication between the Townships of Rawdon and Kildare, and for erecting a Bridge over the White River; a sum not exceeding two hundred and fifty pounds currency, towards erecting a Bridge over the River L'Assomption, from the Seignior of Daillebout, to the Seignior of Lanorave, and for improving the Hills at the said River; a sum not exceeding two hundred and fifty pounds currency, for erecting a Bridge over the River Maskinonge, in the Seignior of Lanaudiere, known by the name of Lake Maskinonge, and for improving the Roads leading to such Bridge.—County of Saint Maurice, a sum not exceeding three hundred pounds currency, for repairing the old Bridge over the River du Loup; a sum not exceeding three hundred pounds currency for opening a Road from La Croix de Vivarnoche, in the Parish of Pointe du Lac to the Saint, Margeurite Mill, at the Town of Three-Rivers.—County of Champlain, a sum not exceeding one hundred and thirty pounds currency, .towards opening a direct Road from the River Champlain to the Church of the Parish of Champlain; a sum not exceeding two hundred

pounds currency, to open and keep up Roads and by-Roads in the new concessions of Saint Paul and Saint Louis, in the Seigniorship of Batiscau; a sum not exceeding one hundred pounds currency, for opening and keeping in repair divers Roads of communication between the Parishes of Saint Genevieve and Saint Stanislas, on the River Batiscau.—County of Portneuf, a sum not exceeding three hundred and twenty-eight pounds currency, for opening a Road from the River Sainte Anne, on the South-western line of the land of one Abraham Gendron, towards the back settlements on the White River, so as to strike the line of the Township of Alton; a sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty pounds currency, for making a Road from the last concessions in the Villages of Sainte Anne and Saint George D’auteuil, to the River Sainte Anne.—County of Quebec, a sum not exceeding three hundred pounds currency, for erecting a Bridge over the River Jacques Cartier, at the Valcartier settlement; a sum not exceeding five hundred pounds currency, towards Macadamizing the Sainte Barbe Road, leading to Saint Ambrose; a sum not exceeding four hundred pounds currency, for repairing the Hill on the Road leading from the Saint Vallier suburb of Quebec, to the Saint Foy Road, through the property of Michel Sauvageau; a sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty pounds currency, for completing the Stoneham Road as far as La Roche Platte, on the Jacques Cartier River; a sum not exceeding two hundred and fifty pounds currency, for making an outlet or street leading to the River Saint Lawrence, in that part of the City of Quebec, called Pres-de-Ville, between the King’s Bateau Wharf, and Munh’s Cove:— Provided always, that no part of the said money shall be so advanced until the said street shall have been duly laid out and approved by the Justices of the Peace residing in the said City; a sum not exceeding two hundred pounds currency, towards erecting a Stone Bridge over the Little River, at Beauport, near McCallum’s Grist Mill; a sum not exceeding five hundred pounds currency, for Macadamizing the Road known by the name of La Grande Allee, near Quebec.—County of Montmorency, a sum not exceeding one hundred pounds currency, for improving the Hill on the High Road near the Falls of Montmorency; a sum not exceeding two hundred and fifty pounds currency, for making a road from the old settlements of L’Ange Gardien to the Parish of Lavalle.—County of Saguenay, a sum not exceeding five hundred pounds currency, for improving the old public Bridge across the River Murray ; a sum not exceeding two hundred and fifty pounds currency, for opening the Road from the last settlements at Cape a l’Aigle, to the Salmon River—County of Ottawa, a sum not exceeding five hundred pounds currency, for completing the Road leading to Hull, made under the direction of Mr. Tiberius Wright, and a sum not exceeding thirty-three pounds one shilling and seven-pence three farthings currency, to reimburse a like sum advanced and expended on the said Road by the said Tiberius Wright. — County of Yamaska, a sum not exceeding five hundred pounds currency, for completing the Melbourne Road, through the Township of Ely, to the old settlements of the Yamaska Mountain.—County of Champlain, a sum not exceeding one thousand pounds currency, towards erecting a Bridge over the River Sainte Anne:— Provided always, that no part of the said sum shall be advanced until security shall have been given by the inhabitants interested in the said Bridge, that the same shall be completed at their expence.—County of Quebec, a sum not exceeding seventy pounds currency, for keeping in repair such parts of the Beauport, Charlesbourg, Lorette, Sainte Foy, and Misere Roads, and the Route Sinclair as are already Macadamized, that-is to say a sum not exceeding fifteen pounds currency, for the Beauport

Road; a sum not exceeding fifteen pounds currency for Charlesbourg; a sum not exceeding fifteen pounds currency for the Lorette Road a sum not exceeding fifteen pounds currency, for the Sainte Foy Road; a sum not exceeding five pounds currency for the Misere Road, on the North side of the River-Saint Charles, and a sum not exceeding five pounds currency, for the Route Sinclair, leading to Charlesbourg; a sum not exceeding seven pounds currency, to reimburse; a like sum advanced by Charles Smith, Commissioner for the Charlesbourg Road, and expended on the said Road.—City and Parish of Montreal, a sum not exceeding four thousand six hundred and twenty pounds currency, to be applied as follows; that is to say:--a sum not exceeding one thousand two hundred pounds currency, for continuing and completing the Sewer, under ground, already commenced in the Quebec Suburb, for the purpose of changing the course of the Little River to the North-west of the ancient limits of Montreal; and after the said Sewer shall have been completed, for levelling and filling up, and for defraying the expence of such work as the Commissioners shall deem advisable for bringing into the said Sewer or into any other which they shall deem it expedient to make, the waters of the said Little River and other running waters, either on the North-east or South-west thereof, by means of ditches, open water courses, or covered Sewers, and for the cost of plans, levelling, &c.; a sum not exceeding one hundred pounds currency, for completing and finishing the work done last autumn by the Commissioners on the new Road by them opened, from La Cote Saint Paul to La Cote Saint Pierre, and for completing the ditches on each side of the said Road, beyond the fences and on the lands adjoining the said Road, instead of making ditches between the Roads and the said fences; a sum not exceeding one hundred and twenty pounds currency, towards enabling the inhabitants of Coteau Saint Pierre, and of La Cote Saint Luc, to open a new Road verbalized last autumn, and leading from the said Coteau to the said Cote, to erect a Bridge on the said Road, and to make ditches on the sides of the said Road, beyond the fences, and on the adjoining lands, instead of making ditches between the Road and fences; a sum not exceeding two hundred pounds currency for Macadamizing or otherwise improving and for levelling that part of the Road towards the Mountain, within the limits of the City, (Prevost street), from Dorchester street in the Saint Antoine suburb, to the limits of the City, and for making ditches on each side of the said Road, on the lands thereunto adjoining ; a sum not exceeding two hundred pounds currency, for continuing the work necessary for lowering the summit of the Mountain, and for widening the Highway at that place, and for continuing the Macadamization of the front Road at La Cote des Neiges; a sum not exceeding four hundred pounds currency for Macadamizing and otherwise improving and levelling Dorchester street, in the Saint Antoine Suburb, commencing at Prevost Street; and proceeding towards the limits of the City ; and also a portion of the Highway to La Cote Saint Antoine, forming the continuation of the said Street; a sum not exceeding four hundred pounds currency for Macadamizing or otherwise improving the old Turnpike Road to Lachine or Saint Joseph Street, and the continuation thereof in the Tannery District, commencing at Guy Street in the Saint Joseph Suburb and proceeding towards the Village at Rolland's Tanneries; a sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty pounds currency, for lowering or levelling the Hill on the Highway near the Village at Rolland's Tanneries; a sum not exceeding three hundred pounds currency for Macadamizing or otherwise improving Wellington Street, and the continuation thereof, leading towards the lower part of Lachine through the Saint Pierre



District, beyond the Bridge on the said Street over the Lachine Canal near Saint Gabriel; a sum not exceeding four hundred pounds currency, for improving and widening the Macadamization already performed within the limits of the City, on the Road leading to Longue Pointe, and for continuing the said Macadamization over and above the sum appropriated by the Provincial Statute passed in the tenth and eleventh years of George the Fourth, Chapter ten; a sum not exceeding two hundred pounds currency for continuing the Macadamization of the Road leading towards the Parish of Saint Lament, and being a continuation of the Main Street of the Saint Lawrence Suburb, and for making ditches on the adjoining lands beyond the fences; a sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty pounds currency, for continuing the Macadamization of the front Road in the Saint Michel District, as far as Papineau's Road; a sum not exceeding two hundred and fifty pounds currency for Macadamizing or otherwise improving and levelling Papineau's Road, either within or without the limits of the said City; a sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty pounds currency, for keeping in repair those parts of the Road within the Parish of Montreal, already Macadamized by the Commissioners; a sum not exceeding four hundred pounds currency, to be placed at the disposal of the Commissioners, to be by them applied, as they may think proper, as well for the work and in the places hereinabove enumerated, as in such other places within the said Parish of Montreal, and for such work as they may deem expedient and the said sums hereinabove mentioned shall be placed at the disposal of the Commissioners already appointed or to be appointed for that purpose, who are hereby authorized to cause to be performed, so soon as may be, the necessary work, either by contract or by day's labour, as may to them appear most for the advantage of the Public, any law to the contrary notwithstanding; and if any of the work hereinbefore described shall be performed and completed for a less sum than that specially appropriated for each several part thereof, then the said Commissioners are hereby authorized to employ the surplus of any sum or sums in Macadamizing or otherwise improving such other of the said Roads, by-Roads, and Drains or Sewers, in the said City and Parish of Montreal, as they shall deem useful and necessary.—County of Portneuf, a sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty pounds currency, for opening a Road North of Cap Rouge, so as to avoid the Hills at Cap Rouge, in the County of Portneuf.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the seventh section of a certain Act passed in the ninth year of the Reign of His late Majesty, intituled, "An Act to appropriate certain sums of money towards Macadamizing and improving certain roads near Quebec, and lay out certain new roads," which section is in the words following:— "And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that every proprietor or occupier of any land adjacent to any part of the roads hereinbefore-mentioned, shall, in each and every year, between the first day of November, until the same be completed, and no longer, upon the requisition of the said Commissioners, or of the Inspector or Overseer, or Sub-Inspector of the place in which such land may be, furnish six days of labour, (corvee) of one man, one horse and one cart, to be employed under the direction of such Commissioners, Inspector, Overseer or Sub-Inspector, in conveying the stone or any materials necessary for the repairs to be made under this Act, from any part of the said roads respectively, or from any place near the same where such stone or materials may be wanted for such repairs. Provided that,

at no one time, shall the number of men employed upon any one of the said roads, exceed ten, nor that of the horses so employed, exceed ten. And provided also, that no person shall be obliged to furnish more days of such corvee than one at a time; any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding,” and the eighth section of the said Act, which section is in the words following:—“And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that any person refusing, or neglecting to furnish such corvee, upon being so thereunto required, shall, for every such offence, incur the forfeiture of a penalty not exceeding ten shillings for each day during which such corvee shall not be furnished as required”; and the ninth section of the said Act which section is in the words following “And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that any Inspector, Overseer, or Sub-Inspector, whose duty it may be under the existing laws to prosecute persons for not repairing roads, to the repairs of which they may be bound, who shall (upon being thereunto required by the said Commissioners) refuse or neglect to prosecute the persons not contributing their corvees, according to this Act, shall for every such offence incur the forfeiture of a penalty not exceeding two pounds currency”, shall be and the said sections are hereby repealed.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor or Person Administering the Government, to advance the monies hereby appropriated to the respective Commissioners appointed under the authority of the Act passed in the tenth and eleventh years of the Reign of His late Majesty, intituled, “An Act to appropriate a certain sum of money therein mentioned for the purpose of improving the Internal Communications of this Province,” to superintend and direct the expenditure of the sums by the said Act appropriated, for making, opening, repairing, improving and erecting any of the several roads, rivers and bridges or for any of the purposes mentioned in the foregoing section of this Act, or in all cases where he shall deem it more expedient, or where there shall be no such Commissioners, by an instrument or instruments under his hand, to nominate and appoint fit and proper persons to be Commissioners for carrying the several provisions of this Act into effect, and to remove such Commissioners or any of them, whether appointed under this Act or under the Act last above cited, and from time to time to appoint others in their stead whenever need shall be.

IV. 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.

V. 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 day's work or under contract.

VI. 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 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 shall from time to time 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.

VII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that all Macadamization to be performed under the authority of this Act, on any Road or Roads within the District of Quebec, shall be performed by covering the middle of the Road to the width of not more than thirteen feet, with a layer of broken stone not more than seven inches in thickness and that the surface of the portion of the Road so covered shall be perfectly level in the direction of its width; and that in performing the said Macadamization, the principles and directions concerning the making of Roads laid down by Macadam, shall in all cases be followed in so far as circumstances shall permit.

VIII. 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 or superintendants their wages.

IX. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that each and every Commissioner who shall expend money by day's work, shall, in addition to the receipts of the persons by him employed for alimonies 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.

X. 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 expences of managing, conducting, and superintending the same in the manner hereby required;—Provided always, that such sum shall in no case exceed five per cent on the sum so expended under the management, conduct and superintendence of such Commissioners.

XI. 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.

XII. 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 observations and informations as they may deem it expedient to give on the improvements to be made in the Internal Communications of this Province.

XIII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that every person to whom shall be entrusted the expenditure of any portion of the monies hereby appropriated, shall make up detailed accounts of such expenditure, shewing the sums advanced to the Accountant, the sum actually expended, the balance (if any) remaining in his hands, and the amount of the monies hereby appropriated to the purpose for which such advance shall have been made, remaining unexpended in the hands of the Receiver-General; and that every such account shall be supported by Vouchers therein distinctly referred to by numbers, corresponding to the numbering of the items in such account; and shall be made up to, and closed on the tenth day of April and tenth day of October in each year during which such expenditure shall be made, and shall be attested before a Justice of the Court of King's Bench, or a Justice of the Peace; and shall be transmitted to the Officer whose duty it shall be to receive such Account within fifteen days next after the expiration of the said periods respectively, and that every person who under the authority of any preceding Act whatever of the Provincial Legislature, has been entrusted with the expenditure of any monies appropriated for the improvement of the Internal Communications of the Province, which shall not have been accounted for in the manner by such Act appointed before the passing of this Act, shall on or before the tenth day of June next, make up, attest, support, and send in detailed accounts of the said monies up to the tenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one, in the manner and form above prescribed with respect to the

monies hereby appropriated; and shall thereafter account for the said monies at the periods and in the manner above prescribed with respect to the monies hereby appropriated.

XIV. 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; and that a detailed account of the expenditure of all such monies shall be laid before the several Branches of the Provincial Legislature, within the first fifteen days of the next Session thereof.