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**An Act to provide for the making of certain improvements about the Lachine Canal. (18<sup>th</sup> March, 1834.)**

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN.

Whereas it is expedient to authorize the Commissioners of the Lachine Canal to perform certain work and to acquire certain property hereinafter mentioned, and to provide the means of defraying the expence of performing such work and the cost of such property:— May it therefore please Your Majesty that 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 said Commissioners of the Lachine Canal to cause the Tunnel which conveys the waters of the Little River Saint Pierre [La rivière Saint-Pierre] under the said Canal, to be so enlarged or a new Tunnel to be constructed so as to carry off the whole of the superfluous waters and leakage of the said Canal, even if the latter should be enlarged to twice its present size, and to cause all such other work to be performed, as may be necessary to accomplish the said purpose.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners of the Lachine Canal to acquire, purchase and hold in their said quality and for the uses of the said Canal a piece of ground not exceeding in any place forty feet in width, adjacent to the ground already held by them in their said quality on the north bank of the said Canal, and extending along the said bank from Prince Street in Griffin Town to the stone store belonging to Messrs. Molson & Davis, adjoining the Bridge over the said Canal on the lower Lachine road, and another piece of ground not exceeding in any place forty feet in width, adjacent to the ground so held by them as aforesaid, on the south bank of the said Canal and extending along the said bank from the River Saint Lawrence to the said Bridge on the lower Lachine Road, or such less quantity of ground situate as aforesaid, as the said Commissioners shall think it expedient to acquire for the said purpose.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners of the Lachine Canal out of any sum by them received or collected, to be

received or collected in their said quality to pay such sums as may be necessary to defray any expences by them incurred in carrying this Act into effect.

IV. And whereas it may hereafter be necessary to enlarge the said Canal, or from other circumstances a greater extent of ground than that now held by the said Commissioners, or to be acquired by them as aforesaid, may become necessary to acquire a portion of the ground now belonging to the Corporation of the City of Montreal, and lying on the south bank of the said Canal for the uses thereof, and for the accommodation of the public:—Be it therefore enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall not be lawful for the Corporation of the City of Montreal to alienate any of the ground belonging to the said Corporation, and lying on the south bank of the said Canal, or to allow any permanent buildings to be erected thereon, until the end of the Session of the Provincial Parliament, which shall be closed next after the expiration of one year from the time of the passing of this Act.