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An Act to make provision for the Survey of Lake Saint Louis and other places. (21st March, 1836.)

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN.

Whereas it is necessary to obtain such information as may serve to guide the Legislature with regard to the work which it is proper to undertake, for establishing, within the limits of Lower Canada, a water communication, corresponding, if possible, with that which the Legislature of Upper Canada, has undertaken to establish on the River Saint Lawrence, near Cornwall, in the said Province of Upper Canada;—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, '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 person administering the Government of this Province, to advance, by warrant, under his hand and out of the unappropriated monies in the hands of the Receiver General, a sum not exceeding five hundred pounds currency, as an aid towards causing a survey to be made. First, of Lake Saint Louis, from the upper end of the Lachine Canal to the Cascades. Secondly, of the River Saint Lawrence, from Cote a Coulange to the Mill at the Cedars. Thirdly, from the Village of the Cedars to Coteau du Lac. Fourthly, of that part of Lake Saint Francis [Lac Saint-François], which lies within the limits of the Province of Lower Canada and Coteau du Lac. Fifthly, of the south eastern side of the said River Saint Lawrence, as well by land as by water, from the foot of the Cascades to Lake Saint Francis aforesaid.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that in case the report of the persons by whom such survey of Lake Saint Louis shall be made, shall establish that the waters of the said Lake do not afford a navigable channel corresponding with that furnished by the canals on the River Saint Lawrence in Upper Canada, it shall be lawful for the person administering the Government of this Province, to advance in the manner aforesaid, a further sum, not exceeding five hundred pounds currency, as an aid towards causing surveys to be made in other directions, with a view to the opening in such directions, of navigable canals corresponding to those made on the River Saint Lawrence in Upper Canada; and the report of the persons making such surveys shall mention the probable cost of the canals to

be made in such new direction, or of such new artificial works as may be necessary to surmount the obstacles to the navigation of the Lakes, and that in case the report of the persons by whom such survey of Lake Saint Louis shall be made, shall establish that the waters of the said Lake do afford a navigable channel corresponding with that furnished by the Canals on the River Saint Lawrence in Upper Canada, then, and in that case it shall be lawful for the person administering the Government of this Province, to cause a survey to be made, and a report of the probable expense of enlarging the Lachine Canal, and the Locks thereof, in such manner as to correspond with those in Upper Canada, on the River Saint Lawrence, also the best means of carrying off the leakage from the Canal, and of preventing the flooding of the lands adjoining, by such leakage, and by the rising of the waters in the Lake or River Saint Pierre.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall be lawful for the person administering the Government of this Province, to appoint by an instrument under his hand and seal, one or more Commissioners to carry the Act into effect.

IV. 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, showing the sum 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 the 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.

V. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that due application of the monies appropriated by 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; 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.