

At the General Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia, begun and holden at Halifax, on Thursday, the Thirteenth Day of February, 1823, in the Fourth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Fourth, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith &c. &c. being the Third Session of the Twelfth General Assembly, convened in the said Province.

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An Act to prevent disorderly Riding, and to regulate the driving of Carriages on the Streets of Halifax, or other Towns, or on the Public Roads of this Province, and for repealing certain Acts therein mentioned.

Be it enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, that, from and after the publication of this act, it shall not be lawful for any person to ride at full speed, or gallop, any horse, mare, gelding, mule or ass, on any street or public highway in any of the towns within this province.

II. And be it further enacted, that all and every person who shall hereafter drive any truck, sled or wheel carriage, used for the carriage of goods, within the town of Halifax, or any town within this province, shall not, on any pretence whatever, drive swifter than a slow or easy trot, and shall, at all times, take care to lead his, her or their, horse or horses with a halter, or to guide them with proper reins.

III. And be it further enacted, that each and every person who shall hereafter drive any chaise, sleigh, or other carriage whatsoever, within any town in this province, shall drive the same in a moderate and careful manner.

IV. And be it further enacted, that all and every person or persons who shall hereafter drive any sleigh or sled in any of the streets or highways within this province, shall have affixed to the harness used for the purpose of drawing such sleigh or sled, at the least, two good open bells, or four sound bells, such as are commonly used on sleighs.

V. And be it further enacted, that all sleds, used for the carriage of loads upon any of the roads of this province, shall not be less than four feet wide from outside to outside of the runners.

VI. And be it further enacted, that it shall not be lawful for any person or persons to drive upon any of the roads of this province any load of hay or straw of a greater width than twelve feet; nor shall it be lawful for any person or persons returning with sleds to suffer pointed stakes to remain standing, or carry frames or projecting pieces outside of the said sled.

VII. And be it further enacted, that every person who, in summer or winter, shall drive any gig, chaise, carriage, wagon, cart, truck, sleigh or sled, on any street in the said town of

Halifax, or any public road or highway in this province, every such person or persons shall always, hereafter, leave the centre of such street or road on his right hand side.

VIII. And be it further enacted, that, hereafter, when the driver of carriage, any sleigh or sled, on any of said streets or public roads, attempt to pass any other carriage, sleigh or sled, having its head in the same directly, such driver shall take care to pass on the right side of such carriage, sleigh or sled, so as to leave a sufficient way open on his left hand for the carriage, sleigh or sled, which he is so about to pass; and all carriages, sleighs and sleds, at all times, both to the night and in the day, shall hereafter be obliged to keep on the side of the road appointed and established by this act.

IX. And be it further enacted, that whenever any carriage, wagon, cart, truck, sleigh or sled, shall at any time hereafter, shall stop, or be suffered to stand, loaded or unloaded, on any of the said streets of Halifax, or public road, every such carriage, wagon, cart, truck, sleigh or sled, shall not be placed nearer to the centre of such street or road than eighteen inches.

X. And be it further enacted, that every person offending against any of the regulations of this act, shall, upon conviction on the oath of one credible witness, before any one of His Majesty's justices of the peace, forfeit and pay, for each and every offence, the sum of ten shillings; and, in case of refusal or neglect to pay, the same shall be levied by warrant of distress, one the goods and chattles of such offender, and, for want thereof such offender shall be committed by such justice to the county jail, for the period not exceeding forty-eight hours.

XI. And be it further enacted, that all prosecutions, under this act, shall be commenced in forty-eight hours after the committing of the offence.

XII. And be it further enacted, that all monies, arising from fines under the provisions of this act, shall be paid into the hands of the treasurer of the county wherein the same shall be recovered, and be applied to the repair of highways in such county.

XIII. And be it further enacted, that an act, passed in the thirty-third year of the reign of His Majesty, King George the Second, entitled, "An Act to prevent disorderly riding Horses, and driving Carts, Trucks and Sleds, Sleighs, or any other Carriage whatsoever, within the Town of Halifax, or any other Town within the Province;" and also an act, passed in the twenty-ninth year of His late Majesty's reign, entitled, "An Act in amendment of the several Acts, passed in the first and twenty-eighth years of His Majesty's reign, relative to the repairing of Highways, Roads, Bridges, &c.;" and also the act, passed in the third year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, "An Act to regulate the driving of Carriages on the Streets of Halifax, or Public Roads of this Province," and every matter, clause and thing, in each and every of the said acts contained, be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

XIV. And be it further enacted, that this act, and every matter, and thing, therein contained, shall be and continue, and the same is hereby continued in force, for three years from the publication hereof, and from thence to the end of the next session of the general assembly.