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**An Act to prolong the time granted to Thomas Porteous of Terrebonne, Esquire, for rebuilding certain Bridges therein mentioned. (14th April, 1808.)**

Whereas by an Act of the Provincial Parliament, made and passed in the forty fifth year of His Majesty's reign, Chapter fourteenth, intituled, "An Act to authorise Thomas Porteous, Esquire, to build a Bridge over a branch of the river Outaouais, otherwise des Prairies, from Lachenaye [Lachenaie] to the Isle called Bourdon; and another Bridge, from that Island to the Island of Montreal, to establish the rates of Toll payable thereon, and for regulating the said Bridges," it is amongst other things enacted, that if, at any time after the said Bridges shall have been erected and completed, they shall become impassable or unsafe for Travellers, Cattle or Carriages, he the said Thomas Porteous, his heirs, executors, curators or assigns, shall, within eighteen months after the same shall be ascertained, and notice thereof given by His Majesty's Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, in and for the District of Montreal, repair or rebuild the same, on pain of forfeiting all his right, title or claim of, into, or out of the said Bridge. And whereas the said Thomas Porteous, in virtue of the afore recited Act, did cause the said Bridges to be erected and opened, at a great expence, and that the same were unfortunately carried away by the breaking up of the ice, last spring, to the great damage of the said Thomas Porteous, and to the great inconvenience of the Public; and that he hath stated, by his humble petition to the Legislature, that the time so allowed for rebuilding as aforesaid, is not sufficient for remedy whereof; May it 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, '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 shall be allowed and granted unto the said Thomas Porteous a delay of six years from and after the passing of this Act for rebuilding the said Bridges. Provided always, that nothing in the present Act, shall be held or construed to change, after, or amend any other part of the above recited Act, of the forty fifth year of His present Majesty's reign, Chapter fourteenth, which said Act, in every other respect, shall remain in full force and effect, as if this Act had never been passed.