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55 George III – Chapter 8

An Act to improve the Internal Communications of this Province. (25th March, 1815.)

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN.

Whereas the improvement of internal communications may materially tend to the promotion of agriculture and the increase of Commerce, We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Representatives of the Province of Lower Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, having taken into our serious consideration, the recommendation contained in the speech of His Excellency the Governor in Chief, delivered from the Throne at the opening of the present Session, relative to the improvement of internal communications in this Province, humbly beseech 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 aforesaid, that it shall and may be lawful to and for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Person administering the Government of this Province for the time being, to advance out of the unappropriated monies at present in the hands of the Receiver General of this Province or which may hereafter come into his hands, a sum not exceeding eight thousand six hundred pounds, currency, to be applied to the improvement of the internal communications of this Province in the manner herein after directed.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that out of the said sum of eight thousand six hundred pounds, a sum of eight hundred pounds be applied and expended under the direction of the Grand Voyer of the District of Quebec or his Deputy, to assist in the opening of a Road of communication between the Parishes of Saint Pierre de la Baie Saint Paul, Saint F  r  ol [Ferr  ol] and Saint Joachim, and to assist in the erecting of the Bridges necessary upon the said Road over and above the sum of four hundred and fifty pounds, heretofore appropriated to that purpose, by an Act passed in the forty eighth year of His Majesty, intituled, "An Act to appropriate a sum of money therein mentioned to assist in opening a Road of communication between the Parish of Saint Pierre in Saint Paul's Bay and the Parishes of Saint F  r  ol and Saint Joachim;" Provided always, that the said sum of eight hundred pounds shall be applied to the making of the said Road at the place appointed by the aforesaid Act, or at such other place as may be ascertained to be preferable.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that out of the said sum of eight thousand six hundred pounds, a sum of twelve hundred pounds shall be applied and expended under the Direction

of the Grand Voyer of the District of Quebec, or his Deputy to assist in opening a Road of communication between the Parishes of Rimouski and of Trois Pistoles.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that out of the said sum of Eight thousand six hundred pounds, a sum not exceeding three hundred pounds, shall be applied under the direction of such person or persons, as the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Person administering the Government of this Province for the time being, shall for that purpose, appoint, to cause the shores of the River Saint Maurice, and the places at which it would be practicable to erect a Bridge over the said River to be examined, to cause to be prepared one or more plans of such Bridge, with Statements and Estimates of such plans to be submitted to the Provincial Legislature at the next Session.

V. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that out of the said sum of eight thousand six hundred pounds, a sum not exceeding three hundred pounds, shall be applied under the direction of such person or persons to be nominated and appointed for the purpose, by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or person administering the Government of this Province for the time being, to cause the River Richelieu or Chambly to be examined and to cause to be prepared plans, statements, and estimates of the works necessary to be accomplished in order to render the said River navigable from Chambly to Saint John, to be submitted to the Legislature at the next Session.

VI. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that out of the said sum of eight thousand six hundred pounds, a sum of six thousand pounds, shall be appropriated and applied to the opening of new Roads, to the erecting of Bridges, over Rivers in places in which it would be impracticable to erect Bridges under the existing regulations established by the Laws now in force, and to improve the condition of the most rugged, or least practicable Hill or Slopes, by which the principal Roads are obstructed, and out of the said sum of six thousand pounds, a sum of two thousand, two hundred and fifty pounds, shall be applied within the District of Quebec, a sum of two thousand, two hundred, and fifty pounds within the District of Montreal, and a sum of fifteen hundred pounds, within the District of Three-Rivers [Trois-Rivières], for the purposes aforesaid, under the direction of three Commissioners in each of the said Districts of Quebec, Montreal and Three-Rivers, respectively to be nominated and appointed for that purpose, by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or person administering the Government of this Province for the time being, by an instrument, under his hand and seal at arms.

VII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the said Commissioners in each of the said Districts of Quebec, Montreal and Three-Rivers respectively shall immediately after their nomination and appointment, give notice by advertisement in the Quebec and Montreal Gazettes, specifying the days and places, when and where their office will be open, for receiving all communications relative to the nature of the Duties by this Act prescribed to them, and to any improvements to be made in the several parts of the said Districts, for facilitating new means of communication, and on the probable amount of the expense of the works required in order to effect such improvements.

VIII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the said commissioners shall not apply any part of the said monies without reporting their proceedings to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or person administering the Government of this Province for the time being, and obtaining previously

the approbation of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Person administering the Government of this Province for the time being, relative to the proposed application of such monies.

IX. 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 of this Province for the time being, and to the two Houses of the Provincial Parliament, at the next Session thereof, the improvements which shall have been made under this Act, with such other observation and information as they may deem it expedient to give, on the improvements to be made upon the internal communications of this Province.

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X. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the due application of all monies expended in conformity with the directions of 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.