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An Act to authorize the closing and sale of a part of Capital Street in the City of Montreal; and for the disposal of the monies arising from the sale of the same. (22 March, 1817.)

Whereas it is expedient to close up that part of Capital street, in the City of Montreal, lying and between St. Joseph street and the street or lane, commonly called, St. Dizier's Lane; and to authorize the sale of the same, and that the monies arising from the sale thereof, may be appropriated in opening and improving other Streets, Lanes and Public Places in the said City; be it therefore 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 from and after the passing of this Act, it shall be lawful for any three Justices of the Peace For the District of Montreal, residing in the City of Montreal, one of whom shall be of the Quorum, to cause that part of Capital Street aforesaid, lying and being between Saint Joseph Street and the Street or Lane commonly called and known by the name of St. Dizier's Lane, to be closed and shut up, and to sell and dispose of the same at public sale or auction, in such lots or proportions as the said Justices shall deem most expedient. Provided always, that if from the local situation and confined limits of the ground so to be sold, the said Justices shall see good reason to believe that a higher price would be obtained by private bargain, or by a valuation of such ground being made by three, capable and disinterested, persons upon oath, it shall be lawful for the said Justices to appoint such persons, and to administer such oath to them, and to proceed to the sale of the ground by either of such modes in preference to a public sale.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the monies arising from the sale of the lot or lots of ground into which the aforesaid part or portion of Capital Street shall or may be divided, pursuant to the directions of this Act, shall go into and make part of the Road Fund for the aforesaid City of Montreal, and shall be applied for the opening and improvement of such Streets, Lanes and Public Places of the said City of Montreal, in such manner as the aforesaid Justices of the District, or any two of them, (one of whom shall be of the Quorum) in a Special Session to be held for the purpose, shall deem most expedient.