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3 George IV – Chapter 23

**An Act to appropriate a certain sum of money therein-mentioned, towards continuing and completing the Lachine Canal. (22d. March, 1823.)**

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,

Whereas it is expedient to appropriate a further sum of money for the purpose of continuing and completing the Lachine Canal; 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, '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 the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor or person administering the Government of the Province for the time being, by a Warrant or Warrants, Under his hand, to advance and pay out of any unappropriated monies, in the hands of the Receiver General of the Province, for the time being, a sum of money not exceeding twelve thousand pounds, currency, in the course of the year one thousand, eight hundred and twenty-three, towards continuing and completing the Lachine Canal actually in progress, between the Parish of Lachine and the neighbourhood of the City of Montreal, in virtue of an Act of the Legislature of this Province, of the first year of His Majesty's Reign, chapter Sixth.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the line or course adopted by the Commissioners appointed under the aforesaid Act, passed in the first year of His Majesty's Reign, as the line proper and most practicable for the aforesaid Lachine Canal, shall be the line or course upon which the said Canal shall be made and completed.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the aforesaid Commissioners shall take the necessary measures to ascertain the value of the ground through which the aforesaid Canal would pass, if the same were continued through the City of Montreal, to the Current Saint Mary, and report the same in the English and French Languages, to the three branches of the Legislature, at the next Session, in the course of fifteen days after the opening of the same, with such other information relating to the subject, as they shall deem expedient.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the due application of the monies appropriated in virtue 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 be pleased to direct.