

Laws of His Majesty's Province of Upper Canada, passed in the year 1832. York: Robert Stanton, 1833.

3 William IV – Chapter 42

An Act to authorize the Erection of Mill Dams upon the River Thames, in the London District. Passed 13th February, 1833.

Whereas it hath been represented by the Petition of sundry persons, Inhabiting upon or near the Banks of the River Thames, in the Townships of Caradoc and Lobo, in the London District, that the erection of Mills upon the said River, near the Fulling Mills of Burley Hunt, in the Township of Westminster, and opposite to the Broken Lot Number Twenty-four, in the first range South of the Long Woods Road in Caradoc, and at or near Broken Lot number Seven in the front on the River Thames in Lobo, would greatly increase the general prosperity and wealth of the surrounding Country, and that the natural fall of the said River at those places is almost sufficient for the above mentioned purpose, but that to render the water privileges completely efficient at all seasons of the year it will be necessary to erect a Dam across the said River at each of the above mentioned Sites, of such height as will not flood or otherwise injure any Lands lying above the same:—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 Upper Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of Great Britain, entitled "*An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled '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 by the authority of the same, That it shall and may be lawful for any person or persons, having first obtained permission by an Instrument under his or their hands and Seals from the proprietor or proprietors, or the proprietor or proprietors his or their Heirs and Assigns, to erect one Dam upon each or either of the above mentioned Sites, of such height only as will not flood or otherwise injure any Lands lying above the same: Provided always, that such Dam or Dams shall be constructed with suitable Locks for the safe and convenient passage of such Boats or other Craft as are now or may hereafter be in use upon the said River; and also inclined planes of not less than forty feet in length and thirty feet in width, and good and sufficient Aprons for the safe passage of Rafts and the ascent of Fish, and to maintain and keep the same in good repair, free from toll or other charge, as long as the said Dam or Dams shall exist.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if the passage aforesaid shall at any time be obstructed for the period of twenty days successively, the grant hereby intended to be made shall be absolutely void.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for the Legislature of this Province at any time hereafter, when in their opinion the Public interest shall require it, either to amend or repeal this Act.