

Laws of His Majesty's Province of Upper Canada, passed in the year 1836. Toronto: Robert Stanton, 1836.

6 William IV – Chapter 24 (Session 1)

An Act to authorise the erection of a Mill-Dam upon the River Thames, in the London District. Passed 7th March, 1836.

Whereas it hath been represented by the petition of sundry persons inhabiting upon or near the banks of the River Thames, in the Township of Mosa, in the County of Middlesex, and District of London, that the erection of Mills upon the said River on Lot number twenty-eight of the broken front of the said Township, and which is situated upon the right bank or north-westerly side of the said River Thames, and between said River and the Long Woods Road, would tend greatly to increase the general prosperity and wealth of the surrounding country: And whereas, the natural fall of the said River at this place is not of that magnitude as to render the water privilege efficient at all seasons of the year for Mill purposes, and it will be therefore necessary to erect a Dam across the said River at the above-mentioned site: And whereas, the erection of a Dam of a sufficient height to fully effect the purpose desired 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 owning the lands on both sides of the said River Thames, at the place mentioned, or in case of not owning said land, having first obtained permission by an instrument under his or their hands and seals from the proprietor or proprietors of the said lands, his or their heirs and assigns, to erect a Dam upon the above-mentioned site 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 with inclined planes of not less than forty feet in length and thirty feet in width, with good and sufficient aprons for the safe passage of rafts and the ascent of fish, to be maintained and kept in good repair by the person in possession of said water privilege, 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.