

Laws of His Majesty's Province of Upper Canada, passed in the year 1857. Toronto: Stewart Derbshire & George Desbarats, 1857.

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An Act to authorize G. S. Wilkes to construct a Dam on the Grand River at Holmedale. Assented to 10th June, 1857.

Whereas it is expedient to encourage the construction of Water Powers for manufacturing purposes; And whereas George Samuel Wilkes, of Brantford, has petitioned the Legislature of this Province to grant him power to construct a dam across the Grand River upon his property at Holmedale, and to use the waters of the said Grand River for Hydraulic purposes, and it is expedient to grant his prayer: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

- I. It shall and may be lawful for the said George Samuel Wilkes, his heirs and assigns, to erect, build, construct and ! maintain a dam, of wood, stone or other material or materials, j upon and across the Grand River at Holmedale aforesaid, and: to raise the water thereby, and to use and discharge the water 1 of the said Grand River by means of the Hydraulic Canal now constructed upon the said property, for any manufacturing purpose whatever, and to dispose of the same: Provided that all: private rights either in the lands adjoining the said river or in the flow of the water thereto, shall remain and continue as if this Act had not been passed.
- II. The said George Samuel Wilkes, his heirs and assigns, shall be held to possess and be beneficially interested in the said dam and water power, so that he or they may be enabled to institute-and sustain, and it shall be lawful for him or them to institute and sustain any action or actions at law or in equity against any person or persons who may break down, destroy, or injure in any way or manner the said dam and water power; Provided always, that nothing in this Act contained shall exempt the said George Samuel Wilkes, his heirs and assigns, from providing a slide or slides, or other conveniences, for the transmission of timber or logs over the said dam as required by law.
- III. This Act shall be deemed a Public Act.