

any member or members of the said Council of the City of Quebec, unless by the context it shall appear clearly that the words "Councillor" or "Councillors" respectively are intended to apply exclusively to a member or members of the said Council, who is not or are not the Mayor of the said City; and the words "the said Corporation" or "the said Corporation of the City of Quebec," wherever they occur in this Act, shall be understood as meaning the said Corporation of "the Mayor, Councillors and Citizens of the City of Quebec" unless the context necessarily requires a different meaning to be given to those words; and the words "Lower Canada," wherever they occur in this Act, are to be understood as meaning and comprehending that part of the Province of Canada which formerly constituted the Province of Lower Canada; and any word or words implying the singular number or the masculine gender only, shall be understood to include several matters of the same kind as well as one matter and several persons, males and females, as well as one person, and bodies corporate as well as individuals, unless it be otherwise especially provided, or there be something in the subject or context repugnant to such construction.

LXXXIII. This Act shall be a Public Act, and shall be judicially noticed as such by all Judges, Justices of the Peace, and others whom it may concern, without being especially pleaded or proved. Public Act.

C A P. C L X .

An Act to increase the Tolls leviable on the Turnpike Roads in the neighbourhood of the City of Quebec, and for other purposes.

[Assented to 30th May, 1855.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to grant further powers to the Trustees of the Quebec Turnpike Roads, appointed under the authority of the Ordinance of the Legislature of Lower Canada, passed in the fourth year of Her Majesty's Reign, and intituled, *An Ordinance to provide for the Improvement of certain Roads in the neighbourhood of and leading to the City of Quebec, and to raise a Fund for that purpose*, and further to amend the said Ordinance: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and intituled, *An Act to re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the Government of Canada*, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, as follows:

Preamble-
Ordinance L-
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Powers of Trustees extended on south side of St. Lawrence.

I. The authority and powers of the said Trustees shall extend to the Bridge over the river Etchemin, upon the road leading to St. Nicholas, on the South shore of the River St. Lawrence, known as the Etchemin Bridge, as fully as to any road mentioned in the said Ordinance, and all the rights and privileges belonging to Her Majesty with respect to, in and over the said Bridge, shall belong to the said Trustees who may exact tolls as by the following Schedule prescribed.

Trustees may build a Bridge over the River Chaudière.

II. It shall be lawful for the said Trustees to construct a Bridge over the river Chaudière in such manner, within such period of time, and at such place as it shall be found convenient notwithstanding the restriction mentioned in the ninth clause of the Act passed in the sixteenth year of Her Majesty's Reign Chapter two hundred and thirty-five.

They may raise the tolls to a certain extent.

III. The said Trustees of the Quebec Turnpike Roads shall have power to exact tolls upon the said Turnpike Roads and the Bridges under their control, not exceeding those in the following Schedule and as therein specified, in lieu of the Tolls now leviable by the said Trustees :

SCHEDULE.

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| For every four wheel carriage or vehicle drawn by one horse or other beast..... | 0 | 0 | 9 |
| For each additional horse or other beast..... | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| For each carriage or omnibus made to carry over six and not exceeding sixteen passengers, allowing a space of eighteen inches for each passenger..... | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| For each carriage or omnibus conveying over sixteen passengers..... | 0 | 3 | 4 |
| For every gig, caleche, cab or two-wheeled omnibus carrying less than six passengers, drawn by one horse or other beast..... | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| For each additional horse or beast..... | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| For every spring cart, cart or other two-wheel vehicle, other than those above mentioned, drawn by one horse or other beast..... | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| For each additional horse or beast..... | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| For each sleigh, traine, dray, berlin or other winter vehicle, drawn by one horse or other beast.. | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| For every additional horse or other beast..... | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| For every horse, mare, gelding, ass or mule, with a rider..... | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| For every horse, mare, gelding, ass, mule or cow, and head of other neat cattle..... | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| For every score of sheep, lambs, hogs or swine.. | 0 | 0 | 10 |

Tolls on certain Bridges.

The tolls leviable in crossing Dorchester Bridge, Carouge Bridge, Chaudière Bridge, Vulcartier Bridge, and Etchemin Bridge, shall be fifty per cent. higher upon each of the above vehicles;

vehicles, animals or things, than the tolls which may now be levied thereon by the said Trustees, and one half-penny for each foot passenger each time of crossing the same Bridges: and when the Suspension Bridge over the River Montmorency now in course of construction shall be completed, the tolls on the said Bridge shall be the same as those leviable on Dorchester Bridge under this Act: Provided that no Tolls shall be levied on Dorchester Bridge for foot passengers. Prev'iso.

The said Tolls to be paid, one half in passing, and the other half in repassing, except for foot passengers, as above stated. How payable.

IV. The said Trustees shall have power to change the site of any toll-gate by law established or to be established upon the said Turnpike roads, whenever they shall consider it advantageous so to do, and shall have power also to erect any additional toll-gates at any intermediate places, and there levy tolls: but such tolls shall form part and portion of those leviable by law, and the whole of the tolls leviable upon any one of the said roads, when divided, shall not exceed the amount fixed by law for such road; and such intermediate toll-gates shall be subject to the provisions of the ordinance touching the said roads and of the statutes amending the same: And the revenues to arise from any of the roads under the control of the said Trustees now or to be hereafter opened, may be farmed out so soon as the said Trustees may see fit after erecting the toll-gates. Trustees may change sites of Toll-gates and establish new ones on certain conditions. Revenue may be farmed out.

V. The farming and leasing out of the revenues of the said roads and bridges shall be computed from the first day of June in every year, and the commutations mentioned in the third section of an Act passed in the eighth year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act to amend a certain Ordinance therein mentioned relative to the Turnpike Roads near Quebec*, shall be calculated for a period of one year from that day, for every year hereafter, without any deduction for any time elapsed in the said year previous to the commutation being effected. Period of such farming out, &c. S V. c. 55.

VI. It shall be lawful for the said Trustees to raise money upon the deposit of their Debentures in any of the Banks of this Province, and to pledge the same to the said Banks to secure to them the amount of any sums of money which they may lend to the said Trustees for the purposes of the said Turnpike Trust; and it shall be lawful for the said Banks to loan money upon such deposit of Debentures as aforesaid. Trustees may raise money on deposit of Debentures.

VII. The said Trustees shall have the power to require from the several Toll-keepers, accounts under oath of all receipts from tolls by them collected, which oath shall be taken before a Justice of the Peace. May require Toll-keepers to account on oath.

VIII. So much of the Ordinance of Lower Canada cited in the Preamble, or of the several Acts of this Province amending the same, as may be inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, is hereby repealed. Repeal of inconsistent enactments.