

*The Provincial Statutes of Canada*, passed in the year 1841. Kingston: Stewart Derbishire & George Desbarats, 1841.

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**An Act to authorize the North American Colonial Association of Ireland to loan monies in the County of Beauharnois. 18th September, 1841.**

Whereas it is desirable to enable certain persons associated together under the name and style of the North American Colonial Association of Ireland, to loan to the District Council of the Municipal District of Beauharnois, certain sums of money for the purpose of aiding the said Council in making and maintaining Turnpike Roads, and other improvements in the said District; 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, that it shall be lawful for the said Association to advance from time to time, by way of loan, at any rate of interest not exceeding six pounds for every one hundred pounds, annually, such sums of money as may be agreed upon by and between the said Association and the said District Council, for making and maintaining any Turnpike Road, Railroad, Canal, or other public work in the said County; and to take and receive from the said District Council security for the payment of the money so advanced, upon the tolls, charges and rates to be collected and received upon and from such turnpike roads, railroads, canals, and other public works, and upon the general security of all other rates to be imposed and levied by the said District Council; and for perfecting such loans and security, the said Association and the said District Council, respectively, are hereby authorized to do all things, and enter into and execute any and all instruments necessary in law, in order to carry into effect any By-law passed by the said District Council, for any of the purposes mentioned in this section.

II. And be it enacted, that no member, partner, agent, officer or servant of the said Association, or any other person directly or indirectly interested in any such public work, as aforesaid, shall sit or vote as a warden or as a member of the said District Council, upon any matter connected with the provisions of this Act, either in reference to the making, completing, managing or maintaining of any such public work, or in reference to the loan of sums of money to the said District Council by the said Association, and no Treasurer, Secretary or other officer or servant of the said District Council, for himself or as agent, or as otherwise, shall be interested directly or indirectly, in any such public work, or loan, as aforesaid, under a penalty against any person therein offending, of not less than one hundred pounds, currency, to be recovered by bill, plaint, or information, in any Court of competent jurisdiction, one moiety whereof shall be to Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, and the other moiety thereof to the informer.

III. And be it enacted, that this Act shall be deemed and taken to be a public Act and Law of this Province, and as such shall be judicially taken notice of by all Judges, Justices, and other persons whomsoever, without being specially pleaded.