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9 Victoria – Chapter 9

An Act to explain and amend a certain Act therein mentioned, and to make further provision concerning Ferries in Upper Canada. 18th May, 1846.

Whereas it appears that the Act hereinafter mentioned hath been construed so as to prevent parties from conveying persons and goods in their own boats and vessels, and without hire or gain or hope thereof, across waters in Upper Canada within the limits of Ferries, contrary to the true intent and meaning of the said Act: 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, 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 nothing in the Act passed in the eighth year of Her Majesty's Reign, and intituled, An Act for the better enforcing the provisions of the Act of the Legislature of Upper Canada for the regulation of Ferries and for protecting the rights of the Lessees of Ferries, shall be construed to prevent any person or persons whatsoever from using for his or their own accommodation, or for his or their employer's own accommodation, or their or his, or their employer's own boat, vessel or craft, at any Ferry in Upper Canada, to cross the river or stream on which such Ferry may be situate, without hire, gain, reward or profit, or hope thereof.

II. And be it enacted, That no Ferry in Upper Canada shall hereafter be leased, nor shall the Lease thereof be renewed, or any License to act as a Ferryman thereat be granted; except by public competition, and to parties giving such security as may be required by the Governor in Council, and after notice of the time and place at which tenders will be received for the Lease or License for such Ferry, inserted at least four times in the course of four weeks in the Canada Gazette, and in one or more of the newspapers published in the District in which such Ferry shall be situate; nor shall any such Ferry be leased or the License thereof granted for a longer term than seven years at any one time.