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An Act to make better provision with regard to the repairing of Roads within the limits of incorporated Cities and Towns, and of Roads and Bridges which having been under the control of the Commissioners of Public Works may hereafter be released from such control. 10th August, 1850.

Whereas it is expedient to remove all doubt on certain points with regard to the Roads and Highways within the limits of the several Cities and incorporated Towns in this Province: 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 the right to use as Public Highway all Roads, Streets and Public Highways within the limits of any City or Incorporated Town in this Province, (except in so far as the right of property or other right in the Land occupied by the same Highways may have been expressly reserved by some private party when it was first used as such Road, Street or Highway, and except as to any Concession Road or Side Road within any such City or Town where the persons now in possession or those under whom they claim may have laid out Streets in such City or Town without any compensation therefor in lieu of such Concession or Side Road,) shall be vested in the Municipal Corporation of such City or Incorporated Town, and such Roads, Streets and Highways shall be maintained and kept in proper repair so long as they shall remain open as such, by and at the cost of such Corporation whether they were originally opened and made by such Corporation, or by the Government of this Province, or of either of the late Provinces of Upper or Lower Canada, or by any other authority or party; and if the Municipal Corporation of any such City or Incorporated Town shall fail to keep in repair any such Road, Street or Highway within the limits thereof, such default shall be a misdemeanor for which such Corporation shall be punished by fine in the discretion of the Court before whom the conviction shall be had; and such Corporation shall be also civilly responsible for all damages which may be sustained by any party by reason of such default, provided the action for the recovery of such damages be brought within three months after the same shall have been sustained, but not otherwise.

II. And be it enacted, That any Public Road or Bridge made, built or repaired at the expense of the Province and now under the management and control of the Commissioners of Public Works may by Proclamation of the Governor issued by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, be declared to be no longer under the management and control of the said Commissioners, and upon, from and after a day to be named in such Proclamation, such Road or Bridge shall cease to be under the management and control of the said Commissioners, and no Tolls shall thereafter be levied thereon under the authority of the Act passed in the twelfth year of Her Majesty's Reign, and intituled, *An Act to make better provision with regard to the Tolls to be*

levied on the Public Provincial Works and for other purposes relative to the said Works, but such Road or Bridge shall be under the control of the Municipal Authorities of the locality and of the Road Officers thereof, in like manner with other Public Roads and Bridges therein, and shall be maintained and kept in repair under the same provisions of law, which are hereby declared to extend and shall apply to such Road or Bridge: Provided always, and be it declared and enacted, that the Bridge over the River Don, on the Kingston Road, at the east end of the City of Toronto, and the said Kingston Road east of the said River shall not be held to be within the said City or the Liberties thereof, or be under the control of the Corporation thereof, but shall remain under the control of the Commissioners of Public Works, or of any party to whom they may be transferred by order of the Governor in Council.