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An Act to authorize the Trustees of the Quebec Turnpike Roads, to issue Debentures to a limited amount, for the purpose of buying and rebuilding the Montmorency Bridge. 30th August, 1851.

Whereas it will be conducive to the safety and advantage of the public, that the Bridge over the River Montmorency, erected under the authority of the Act of the Legislature of the Province of Lower Canada, passed in the fifty-second year of the Reign of His Majesty King George the Third, chaptered Seventeen, and intituled, *An Act to authorize François Huot and Joseph Jacob to erect a Bridge over the Montmorency, above the Falls*, should be placed under the control of the Trustees of the Quebec Turnpike Roads: 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 said Trustees are hereby authorized to purchase the said Bridge and to rebuild it, and for that purpose to borrow a sum not exceeding Five Thousand Pounds, at a rate not exceeding six per cent, per annum.

II. And be it enacted, That the interest of the moneys to be borrowed under this Act shall be privileged over the interest on the Debentures issued or to be issued by the said Trustees with the guarantee of the Province, and shall, as regards the interest on the Debentures last mentioned, have priority of lien on the Tolls and other moneys now being or hereafter to come into the hands of the said Trustees, but shall rank after the Debentures issued or to be issued under the Act passed in the twelfth year of Her Majesty's Reign, and intituled, *An Act to authorize and enable the Trustees of the Quebec Turnpike Roads to acquire and assume the possession and property of the Bridge called Dorchester Bridge, and for other purposes*, and neither the principal or interest of the Debentures to be issued under this Act shall be guaranteed by the Province, or payable out of any Provincial Funds.

III. And be it enacted, That whenever the said Trustees shall have purchased the said Bridge over the River Montmorency, they shall be invested with and have all the rights and privileges vested in the Proprietors thereof by virtue of the Act aforesaid, passed in the fifty-second year of the Reign of King George the Third, and shall, in their stead, levy the Tolls allowed by the said Act.

IV. And be it enacted, That the Revenue arising from the said Bridge, whether from Tolls or otherwise, shall be exclusively applied to the improvement and gradual completion of the High-road of the *Côte de Beaupré*, from the *Mill du Petit Pré* towards the other extremity of the Parish of Chateau Richer, and below it; and the said Bridge and the said Road, as it shall be so improved and completed, shall be under the control of the said Trustees, and subject to the Provisions of the Ordinance of the Special Council of the Province 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.*

V. And be it enacted, That if by reason of the refusal of the Proprietors to sell, or of their demanding too high a price for the said Bridge, the said Trustees shall not be able to purchase the same within six months from the passing of this Act, (and it shall be the duty of the said Trustees to enter into negotiations with the proprietors for the purchase thereof within the said six months), then the said Trustees shall apply the sum of Five Thousand Pounds above mentioned to the improvement and completion of the Chateau Richer Road mentioned in the next preceding section.