

Laws of Her Majesty's Province of United Canada, passed in the year 1852. Quebec: Stewart Derbyshire and George Desbarts, 1852.

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An Act to transfer the possession and control of the *Cul-de-Sac* Harbour from the Trinity House of Quebec, to the Mayor and Councillors of the City of Quebec. Assented to 14th June, 1853.

Whereas the Mayor and Councillors of the City of Quebec have by their Petition to the Legislature represented that the *Cul-de-Sac* Harbour in the Lower Town of Quebec is now, owing to the changes which have occurred in the trade and navigation of the River St. Lawrence, but little used for the repairing of vessels, and has become a receptacle for all kinds of filth, to the great danger of the health of the said City, and that the same is well adapted to the construction of landing places and slips for the accommodation of ferry boats from Point Levi and parts adjacent and the protection of vessels, which are very much required, and have prayed that with a view to its application to the above purposes the said *Cul-de-Sac* Harbour may be placed under their control instead of that of the Trinity House of Quebec, and it is right and proper that the prayer of the said Petition should be granted: 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 so much of the Act passed in the twelfth year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act to consolidate the Lazes relative to the Powers and Duties of the Trinity House of Quebec, and for other purposes*, as provides for the possession by the Trinity House of Quebec of the property of Her Majesty, situate in the Lower Town of Quebec and known by the name of the *Cul-de-Sac* Harbour, whether covered or not covered by the flow or ebb of the tide, with its dependencies, or the exercise by the said Trinity House of Quebec of the rights thereunto belonging, or authorizes or empowers the said Trinity House of Quebec to make By-laws or Orders for the improvement and management of the same, or for the construction of wharves therein with or without buildings thereon for the use of the said Corporation, or the imposing, levying and receiving of the wharfage or other dues to be paid by vessels or craft of any kind entering the same or undergoing repairs or wintering therein, be and the same is hereby repealed.

II. And be it enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act the Mayor and Councillors of the City of Quebec shall alone possess the said property of Her Majesty, situate in the Lower Town of Quebec, and known by the name of the *Cul-de-Sac* Harbour, whether covered or not covered by the flow or ebb of the tide, with its dependencies, and may alone exercise the rights thereunto belonging, but shall not dispossess or molest the persons possessing the wharves on the north side of the *Cul-de-Sac* nor deprive them of the advantages, revenues and profits to which they are now entitled.

III. And be it enacted, That the Mayor and Councillors of the City of Quebec may, in addition to the By-laws, Orders, Rules and Regulations which they are now by law authorized and empowered to make, and in the same manner, and with the same formalities, and subject to the same provisions, conditions, limitations and restrictions, make such By-laws and Orders as to them may seem fitting for the following objects, that is to say: First, for the improvement and management of the *Cul-de-Sac* Harbour; Second, for the construction of landing places, wharves and slips in the said Harbour; Third, for the imposing, levying and receiving of wharfage or other dues to be paid by vessels and craft of all kinds entering the said Harbour; Provided always, that together with the copy of any such By-law having for its object the improvement of the said Harbour or the construction of landing places, wharves or slips therein, there shall be transmitted to the Governor in Council detailed plans and statements of such projected improvements or constructions, for his approval or disapproval within the time limited by law for the disallowance of such By-law; and if the Governor in Council should disapprove of such plans, it shall be lawful for him to cause the same to be altered or modified as to him shall seem meet; and it shall be the duty of the Mayor and Councillors of the City of Quebec, to cause the said Harbour to be improved and landing places, wharves and slips to be constructed therein, according to plans so approved, modified or altered as aforesaid, within such delay as may be limited for that purpose by an Order or Orders of the Governor in Council, on pain of forfeiture of the rights, powers, privileges, benefits and advantages conferred on them by this Act, but it shall not be lawful for them to erect or construct any buildings therein or thereon without the consent and permission of the Governor in Council.