

Laws of Her Majesty's Province of United Canada, passed in the year 1854. Quebec: Stewart Derbyshire and George Desbarts, 1854.

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An Act to prevent furious driving on certain Highways in Lower Canada. Assented to 30th May, 1855.

Whereas great inconvenience has been caused to foot passengers and others, by the practice which at present prevails of racing and driving furiously on the public Highways in Lower Canada, and whereas it is expedient to prevent the occurrence such nuisance in future: 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 In 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, as follows:

- I. From and after the passing of this Act, it shall not be lawful for any person to ride or drive any horse upon any of the public Highways in this Province, within the distance often miles from either of the Cities of Quebec or Montreal, or the Town of Three Rivers, at a rate faster than an ordinary trot.
- II. If any person shall be convicted of any offence against the next preceding section, before any one or more of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the District in which the offence shall have been committed, upon the oath of one or more credible witness, or on view had of such offence by any such Justice, such person shall, upon conviction, as aforesaid, forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding five pounds, nor less than twenty shillings, current money of this Province, at the discretion of such Justice or Justices, with all reasonable costs, both before and after conviction.
- III. Upon any such conviction as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the Justice or Justices before whom such conviction shall have been had, forthwith to issue his or their warrant of distress against the goods and chattel of the offender, directed to any constable in the said District, and commanding him to levy the said fine and costs of the goods and chattels of the said offender; and in default of payment of such fine and costs as aforesaid by such offender, and if no goods and chattels of such offender can be found whereof such fine and costs can be levied as aforesaid, it shall be the duty of such Justice or Justices to commit such offender to the common gaol of the District, for a term not exceeding thirty days, unless the fine and costs are sooner paid.
- IV. Of all fines to be levied or collected by virtue of this Act, one half shall belong to the Informer and the other half shall be paid to the Receiver General of this Province, for the public uses thereof.
- V. No appeal shall lie from the decision of any Justice rendered under this Act.