BILL.

An Act to authorize the employment in the streets and other public places of the Cities of Quebec and Montreal of persons convicted of certain offences before the Police Courts and sentenced to hard labour in punishment thereof.

WHEREAS it is by law provided that the Recorder for the City of Montreal and the Inspectors and Superintendants of Police in and for the Cities of Quebec and Montreal, as Justices of the Peace, respectively may, under certain circums-
5 tances, commit persons convicted before them as loose idle and disorderly persons to the Common Gaol or House of Correction, there to be kept at hard labour, and it is desirable that provision should be made for the employment of persons so convicted and sentenced in the streets and other public places of
10 the said Cities respectively; Be it therefore enacted, &c., &c. Preamble.

That it shall be lawful for the Gaolers or Keepers of the Common Gaols and Houses of Correction in the said Cities respectively, with the consent of the Surveyor of Highways in
15 and for such City, to cause any person or persons imprisoned in such Gaols or Houses of Correction respectively, under sentence to hard labour on conviction before a Justice or Justices of the Peace as loose idle and disorderly to be employed in and upon the streets and other public places in the said Cities
20 respectively, or in any yard or other enclosed space within the limits of the said Cities respectively which may be used and occupied for the time being by or under the directions of the municipal officers of the said Cities respectively, for the preparation of materials for the public works of the said City, upon
25 such terms as may be agreed upon between the said Gaolers or Keepers and Surveyors of Highways respectively.

II. And be it enacted, That whenever any such convicts shall be so employed as aforesaid they shall be well guarded and watched, and shall be subject to such regulations as the
30 Gaolers or Keepers legally charged with their custody respectively shall from time to time prescribe.