

An Act to remove certain obstructions to the Navigation of the Rivière des Prairies, and to repeal certain clauses of the Acts 10th and 11th Victoria, cap. 97 and 98.

WHEREAS the provisions of the 4th section of the Act 10th and 11th Victoria, cap. 97, intituled, "*An Act to authorize Pierre Viau, and others, to build a Toll Bridge over the River des Prairies;*" and of the 4th section of the Act 10th and 11th Victoria, cap. 98, intituled, "*An Act to authorize Paschal Persillier dit Lachapelle, to erect a Toll Bridge over the River des Prairies,*" in so far as conductors or proprietors of rafts passing down the said River, are thereby required to give notice of their intention to run such rafts under the said Bridges, and are thereby prohibited from running more than one crib at a time under the said Bridges, are greatly injurious to the interest of the lumber trade of this Province, and if enforced, would greatly obstruct and delay the passage of timber in rafts down the said River, and it is expedient to repeal the same: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

I. Such portions of the said several sections of the said several Acts mentioned in the preamble of this Act, as enact that it shall be the duty of the proprietor or conductor of every raft floating down the said River, to give two hours previous notice to the Toll gatherers, or persons having charge of the said Bridges, respectively, of his or their intention to pass through the opening between the piers of the same, with such raft; and also, such portions thereof respectively, as provide that no more than one crib shall pass at the same time through such opening, shall be, and are hereby repealed; and from and after the passing of this Act, no notice whatever shall be required of the intention of the proprietor or conductor of any raft to pass through any opening between the piers of the said Bridges, or either of them.

II. From and after the passing of this Act, it shall be lawful for the proprietor or conductor of any raft, to run any such number of cribs through such opening or openings, or any of them, as may conveniently pass through the same, without injuring the said Bridges, or either of them, or the piers or pillars thereof, or any of them: provided always, that nothing herein contained, shall relieve the proprietor or proprietors of any raft, from his or their legal liability for any damage which such raft or any part thereof, shall cause to such Bridges, or to either of them, or to the piers or pillars thereof, or to any of them.

IV. This Act shall be a Public Act.

Preamble.

Acts 10, 11, Vic., c. c., 97 and 98 cited.

Certain provisions of the said acts as to the notice of the passing of rafts through the Bridges, repealed.

Any number of cribs may be run through at the same time, provided they do no actual damage.

Public Act.