

BILL.

An Act to amend the Laws relating to the Public Works of this Province.

WHEREAS it is expedient and necessary to alter, Preamble.
 amend and enlarge a certain Act passed in the
 Session held in the ninth year of the Reign of Her
 present Majesty, intituled, "*An Act to amend the Law* 9 V., c. 37.
 5 "*constituting the Board of Works;*" and also another Act
 passed in the Session which was held in the tenth and
 eleventh years of Her said Majesty's Reign, intituled,
 "*An Act to amend the Act, intituled, 'An Act to amend*
 "*the Law constituting the Board of Works.'*"—Be it 10 & 11 V., c.
 10 therefore enacted, &c. 24.

That the Commissioners of Public Works shall have
 power for and in the name of Her Majesty, Her Heirs
 and Successors, to acquire and take possession of any
 lands or real estate, streams, waters or water-courses
 15 adjoining or lying in the neighbourhood of any public
 work under their management and control, which in their
 judgment they may deem requisite for the enlargement
 or improvement of such work, or for obtaining better
 access thereto, or for the better leasing or disposing of
 20 any lands or water privileges belonging to, forming part of,
 or connected with such public work, or when any in-
 jury or damage has or shall have been occasioned to any
 lands or real estate by the existence or construction of
 any public work, and they may consider it more ad-
 25 vantageous to purchase such lands or real estate than to
 pay the amount of compensation claimed or awarded for
 the injury or damage done thereto; and to enable them to
 acquire and take possession of all such lands or other
 property, the said Commissioners are hereby vested with
 30 all the powers, rights and privileges conferred upon them
 by the first recited Act, for the purpose of enabling them
 to acquire such lands or real estate, streams, waters and
 water-courses as are contemplated by the said Act here-
 inbefore first recited, and to take possession of them
 35 whenever the owners or occupiers thereof refuse or fail
 to agree with the said Commissioners for the purchase
 thereof.

Commission-
ers of Public
Works em-
powered to
take lands, wa-
ters, &c., in
certain cases.

II. And be it enacted, That no claim for land or other
 property alleged to have been taken for or injured by the
 40 construction, improvement, maintenance or management
 of any public works or for damages alleged to have been
Claims for
land or dama-
ges, or arising
out of con-
tracts, to be