

# MEMORANDUM

OF THE

SUBJECT OF THE

## Quebec Turnpike Trust.

The Quebec Turnpike Trust was established in 1841, by the Ordinance 4 Vic. C. 17, of the Special Council of Lower Canada. 4 Vic. c. 17. Trust established.

The Governor was authorized to appoint Trustees for opening, making and keeping in repair certain roads leading to the City of Quebec and to acquire for that purpose real and personal property "to be vested in Her Majesty for the public uses of the Province, subject to the management of the Trustees." Property vested in the crown.

The following roads were placed under their control, viz.:

1 The Cove road, including Killmarnook.....	3 m. $\frac{1}{2}$
2 The St. Louis road to the North Western extremity of Cap Rouge bridge.....	7 m. $\frac{1}{2}$
3 The St. Foye road.....	4 m. $\frac{1}{2}$
Including La Sude road.....	2 m. $\frac{1}{2}$
"    Champigny road.....	1 m. $\frac{1}{2}$
4 The St. Charles and Lorette road.....	4 m. $\frac{1}{2}$
5 The Beauport and Montmorency road.....	6 m. $\frac{1}{2}$

Being a total of..... 31 mil.

The Trustees were authorized to raise by way of loan, on the credit and security of the tolls, a sum not exceeding £25,000, to defray the cost of opening and macadamizing the above 31 miles of roads, but as macadamized roads cannot be built under £1000 per mile, that sum was insufficient. £25,000.

However, during the same year, the Legislature passed the Act 4 & 5 Vic. c. 4, 5 V. c. 72, adding to the 31 miles mentioned in the Ordinance, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  miles, including three expensive bridges, which were all in a delapidated state. Scott's bridge was immediately rebuilt at an expense of £1000, the whole adding a further sum of about £4500 to the indebtedness of the Trust. Against this extension, as also against subsequent ones, not carrying with them any pecuniary provision for their construction and maintenance, the Trustees remonstrated, but instead of placing at their disposal the necessary funds to enable them to meet their engagements and to make up for the deficit, the Legislature in 1843, passed the Act 7 Vic. c. 14, exempting from toll vehicles conveying manure, or parties to Church, on Sundays and Holidays, thereby entailing an annual loss of about £1000. Roads extended.

In 1845, Mr. Chauveau, the member for the County of Quebec, referred the subject of the Quebec Turnpike Roads to a Select Committee composed of members residing in Quebec or representing the adjoining Counties, whose inhabitants were petitioning for the reduction and even, the entire