

BILL.

An Act to extend the provisions of the Act authorising the formation of Joint Stock Companies in Lower Canada for constructing Roads.

WHEREAS it is expedient to extend the provisions of the Act passed in the twelfth year of Her Majesty's Reign, and intituled, "*An Act to authorise the formation of Joint Stock Companies in Lower Canada, for the Construction of Macadamized Roads, and of Bridges and other works of like nature,*" in the manner hereinafter provided: Be it therefore enacted, &c.

Preamble.

12 Vict. c. 56.

That the provisions of the said Act shall extend to the formation of Companies for the Construction of Canals, the deepening and dredging and otherwise improving the navigation of Rivers and Streams, discharging themselves into the River St. Lawrence or into any tributary thereof, whereon boats, rafts and timber have passed or may by such improvement be enabled to pass up or down the same: Provided always, that no injury be thereby done to any mills, mill-dams, or mill-sites along such rivers or streams in any case without the consent of the owners thereof, or to any lands on the banks of such rivers or streams, without making compensation to the owners of such lands for all damage done in the erection or completion of the works, necessary for making the intended improvements in the manner provided by the Act first above cited, and that the navigation of such Rivers and Streams be not impeded while such works are in progress, nor by reason of such work being left in an unfinished state.

The said Act extended to canals and the improvement of rivers.

Proviso.

II. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act shall authorise any such Company to interfere with or perform any of the works above mentioned in any river for the improvement of which provision has been made by any Act in force in this Province, or under the control of any Public Body under the authority of any such Act.

Act not to extend to certain rivers.