

**An Act to authorise the construction of a Dam and Water Power on the Grand River at Holmedale.**

**W**HEREAS it is expedient to encourage the construction of Water Powers for manufacturing purposes ; And whereas George S Wilkes of Brantford, hath petitioned the Legislature of this Province, to grant him the power to construct a Dam across the Grand River, upon his property at Holmedale, and to use the waters of the said Grand River for hydraulic purposes, and it is expedient to grant his prayer ; Therefore Her Majesty &c., enacts as follows :

I. It shall and may be lawful for the said George Samuel Wilkes, his heirs and assigns, to erect, build, construct and maintain a Dam, of wood, stone or other material or materials, across the Grand River at Holmedale aforesaid, and to raise the water thereby, and to use the water of the said Grand River by means of a hydraulic canal now constructed upon the said property, for any manufacturing purpose whatever, and to dispose of the same ; Provided, that no damage to property adjacent to the said Dam by means of flowage of the water of the said Grand River, occasioned by the said Dam, shall be permitted by this Act, without the consent of the owners of such property.

II. The said George Samuel Wilkes, his heirs and assigns, shall be held to possess and be beneficially interested in the said Dam to be so erected, so that he or they may be enabled to institute and sustain, and it shall be lawful for him or them to institute and sustain any action or actions at Law or in Equity against any person or persons who may break down, destroy or injure in any way or manner the said Dam, or who shall in any wise prevent the use and enjoyment thereof by the said George Samuel Wilkes, his heirs and assigns ; Provided always, that nothing in this Act contained, shall exempt the said George S. Wilkes, his heirs and assigns, from providing a slide or slides or other conveniences for the transmission of Timber or Logs over the said Dam, as required by Law ; And provided that nothing in this Act shall be construed to limit or alter in any wise the rights of the Grand River Navigation Company in respect of the said river.

III. This Act shall be deemed a public Act.

Public Act.