

An Act to amend the Laws regulating Ferries, so as to encourage the employment of Steamboats as Ferry-boats in Upper Canada.

WHEREAS it is necessary and expedient to afford greater inducements than now by Law exist for the purpose of establishing steam ferries in Upper Canada, and it is necessary to amend the Laws regulating ferries in order that this desired object may be attained; Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows: Preamble.

I. In all cases where a ferry is required over any stream or other water within Upper Canada, and the two shores of such stream or other water shall be in different Municipalities, it shall and may be lawful for the Governor in Council to grant a license under the Great Seal of the Province, to either of such Municipalities exclusively, or to both conjointly, as may be most conducive to the public interest, such license to confer a right in such Municipality or Municipalities to establish a ferry from shore to shore on such stream or other water, and with such limit and extent as shall appear advisable to the Governor in Council, upon condition that the craft to be used for the purpose of such ferry shall be propelled by steam; and the craft shall be of such dimensions, and engine of such power as the Governor in Council shall direct, and also subject to such further and other conditions as to the Governor in Council may seem meet. A license to have a Steam Ferry between two Municipalities may be granted to Municipalities in U. C. by the Governor.

II. Such license may be granted for any period not exceeding fifty years. Period of License.

III. Upon the receipt of the said license, it shall be lawful for the Municipality or Municipalities to whom such license shall have issued, to pass a By-law declaring their determination to sub-let the said ferry, which ferry the said Municipality or Municipalities is or are hereby authorized to sub-let, for such price, and upon such terms, and to such parties, as the said Municipality or Municipalities may deem best, provided that in so sub-letting, the said Municipality or Municipalities shall not in any way contravene the terms of the license from the Crown. Municipalities may sub let such Ferry.

IV. In all cases where the one shore of such stream or other water is within the limits of a City, Town, or incorporated Village, and the other shore of such stream or other water in a Township or other rural Municipality, the license shall in all cases be issued to the City, Town, or incorporated Village as aforesaid. Incorporated Cities, Towns and Villages to have the preference as to such license

V. All Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed. Inconsistent enactments repealed.

VI. This Act shall extend only to Upper Canada. Act limited to U. C.

VII. The Interpretation Act shall apply to this Act. Interpretation.