

An Act to provide for the safety of Her Majesty's Subjects and others on the Highways in Upper Canada, and to regulate the Travelling thereon.

WHEREAS it has been found that the laws now in force in Upper Canada for the regulation of travelling on the Highways therein, are inadequate to the protection of Her Majesty's subjects and others, and to the prevention of the numerous and fatal accidents which have so repeatedly occurred, and it is therefore expedient to amend the same; Be it therefore enacted, &c.,

Preamble.

That so much of any Act or law now in force in Upper Canada as may be inconsistent with the enactments hereinafter made shall be repealed by the passing of this Act.

Inconsistent laws repealed.

II. And whereas it is expedient to make better provision for the regulation of travelling on the said Highways, Be it therefore enacted, That all persons travelling upon the Highways of Upper Canada, whether in charge of stage coaches, waggons, carriages, sleighs, carioles, or any other vehicle to which oxen, horses or any other animal or animals shall be attached or on horseback, shall, when meeting each other on the said Highways, turn out to the left hand from the centre of the said Road, and give to each other one half of the said Road.

Carriages, &c. meeting.

III. And be it enacted, That if from the extreme weight of any load the driver thereof shall find it impracticable so to turn to the left hand as aforesaid, by reason of the centre ruts or waymark on the said Road, he shall, on meeting any coach, waggon, carriage, sleigh, cariole or other vehicle as aforesaid immediately stop, and if required so to do, shall assist the person or persons so met to pass without damage, and shall be responsible for all damage which may occur through his inability to give one-half the Road.

When the weight of the load on one of the carriages is very great.

IV. And be it enacted, That every person travelling with any vehicle or on horseback as aforesaid, when overtaken by any vehicle or on horseman travelling at greater speed, shall quietly turn out to the right, giving one-half the Road to the person so overtaking him, or if unable to turn out as aforesaid, the person so

Carriages, &c., going the same way.