

XIV. And be it enacted, That if any person or persons shall forcibly pass any gate without having paid the legal toll, such person or persons shall forfeit and pay to the said Corporation a sum of not less than *5 two pounds* and not exceeding *twenty pounds*, to be recovered before any Justice of the Peace of the County of Welland, in the same manner as any other fines are recoverable before Justices of the Peace.

Fine for forcibly passing gates, &c.

XV. And be it enacted, That if any toll-gatherer shall unreasonably and without cause, delay or hinder any passenger, or the passage of any property, agreeably to the rule prescribed in such case, or shall demand or receive more than the legal toll, he shall, for every such offence, forfeit the sum of *one pound five shillings* currency, to be recovered, with costs, for the use of the person so delayed, hindered or defrauded, before any one Justice of the Peace for the County of Welland, who may, on conviction of such offender, condemn such person to pay the said penalty, and levy the same in the *20* manner hereinafter mentioned.

Penalty for demanding excessive toll

XVI. And be it enacted, That if any person shall wilfully do or cause to be done any act or acts whatsoever, whereby the said Bridge or anything appertaining thereto, shall be impaired or injured, the said person or persons *25* so offending shall forfeit and pay to the said Corporation, treble the damages sustained by means of such offence or injury, to be recovered in the name of the Corporation, with costs of suit, by action, and shall be, moreover, guilty of a misdemeanor and be punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, by any Court having cognizance of such offence; Provided, that nothing in this Act contained shall *30* be construed to extend to take away the Jurisdiction given to Justices of the Peace, by an Act passed in the fourth and fifth years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled, "*An Act for consolidating and amending the Laws in this Province relative to malicious injuries to property.*" *35*

Penalty for wilfully injuring the Bridge, &c.

Proviso.

XVII. And be it enacted, That the fines and forfeitures authorised to be imposed by any Justice of the Peace *40* by this Act, shall and may be levied and collected by distress and sale of the offender's goods and chattels, under the authority of any warrant to be for that purpose issued by such Justice, who is hereby authorised and empowered to grant the same.

How penalties may be levied.

XVIII. And be it enacted, That if any action or suit shall be brought against any person or persons, for any matter or thing done in pursuance of this Act, such action or suit shall be brought within *six* calendar months next afterwards, and the defendant or defendants in such *45*

Limitation of suits