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An Act to provide more effectually for making Roads, Highways and Bridges in the Crown and Clergy Reserves in the Townships of this Province.

WHEREAS great inconveniences have arisen in laying out, making and repairing Highways and Bridges on the Crown and Clergy Reserves, in the Townships of this Province and the settlements of the Townships have been retarded, and the inhabitants thereof greatly injured in consequence of their being compelled to incur the expense of opening and making the Roads and Bridges upon the unleased Crown and Clergy Reserves, in order to obtain the necessary communication to and from their respective farms; Be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of Lower-Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of Great Britain, intituled, "An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act for making more effectual provision for the Government of the Province of Quebec in North-America," and to make further provision for the Government of the said Province;" and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that the opening, making and completing the Highways and Bridges, passing over or upon any lands in the several Townships of the Province, reserved for the disposition of His Majesty, or for the maintenance and support of a Protestant Clergy in the said Province, not being granted lands or held under lease, shall be deemed and considered to be Public Roads and Public Bridges, to be made and repaired in conformity to the *Procès Verbal* of the Grand-Voyer or his Deputy, according to the true intent and meaning of an Act passed by the Legislature of this Province, in the thirtysixth year of His late Majesty's reign, Chapter ninth. Provided always, that when any such lands over or in respect of which such Roads, Highways or Bridges shall have been opened or made, shall be granted, leased or sold by His Majesty or by any person or persons thereunto duly authorized by the proprietor, lessee or occupier of the same, shall be liable and bound to perform so much labour towards the Public Work on Highways, Roads or Bridges in the Township or Townships in which such lands may be situated or in the Township or