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Improvement of
the Highways in
the Province.

An Ordinance to provide for the Improvement, during the Winter Season, of the Queen's Highways in this Province, and for other Purposes.

[Passed 13th May 1840.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the Improvement of the Queen's Highways throughout this Province during the Winter Season, and for the Introduction of more suitable Vehicles on the Winter Roads; be it therefore ordained and enacted by his Excellency the Governor of this Province of Lower Canada, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Special Council for the Affairs of this Province, constituted and assembled by virtue and under the Authority of an Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland passed in the First Year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act to make temporary Provision for the Government of Lower Canada," and also by virtue and under the Authority of a certain other Act of the same Parliament passed in the Session held in the Second and Third Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act to amend an Act of the last Session of Parliament for making temporary Provision for the Government of Lower Canada," and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the Authority of the said Acts of Parliament, That from and after the Fifteenth Day of November One thousand eight hundred and forty no Winter Carriage or Vehicle without Wheels shall be used for the Conveyance of any other Load than Passengers, and their Baggage to the Amount of One Hundred Weight for each Passenger, on any or any Part of the Queen's Highways or Public Roads within this Province, except Sleighs or Sleds having Runners at least Six English Feet in Length on the straight Part of the Bottom thereof, and Eight and a Half Feet in Length, including the curved Part, and that have no Part of the Bottom of the Sleigh or Sled, or of the cross Beams that support the Bottom thereof, lower than Ten English Inches above the Bottom of the Runners, such Sleigh or Sled to have an open Space between the Runners and the Raves on which the Body rests, except where such Space is broken by the perpendicular Knees between the said Raves and Runners, and a clear Distance of at least Two and a Half English Feet between the Inside of the Runners at the Bottom thereof, nor shall the Shafts or Pole be attached to the Body of the Sleigh or Sled or Runners thereof at a lower Height than Ten English Inches above the Bottom of the Runners, nor shall any such Sleigh or Sled be used on any such Queen's Highway or Public Road unless the Horse or Horses or other Beast of Draught be harnessed abreast or so attached to it that one or both of the Runners shall follow in the Track or Tracks made by such Horse or Horses or other Beasts of Draught; provided always, that if there be only One Horse or Beast of Draught, or if no Two of the Horses or Beasts of Draught be harnessed abreast, then the left Runner shall follow in the Track of such Horse or Horses or other Beasts of Draught; and provided always, that the Length herein-before prescribed for the Runners of the said Sleighs or Sleds shall not affect the Sleds used for Saw-logs or heavy Timber commonly called Bob-sleds.

Provided always, and be it further ordained and enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That nothing in this Ordinance shall extend to prevent any Kind of Winter Carriage from being used for crossing any such Queen's Highway or public Road, or proceeding along it, for a Distance not exceeding Six Arpents, for the Purpose of passing from one Part to another of the Property of the Owner or Owners of such Carriage.

Provided also, and be it further ordained and enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Cariole, Train, Berline, or other Winter Carriage, other than such Sleighs or Sleds as are herein-before described and permitted, shall be used on any such Queen's Highway or Public Road within this Province, for the Conveyance of Passengers and their Baggage as aforesaid, unless the Horse or Horses or other Beast or Beasts of Draught drawing such Carriage shall be harnessed thereto in the Manner herein-before prescribed with regard to

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