

**BILL.**

An Act to amend an Act intituled "An Act to authorize the formation of Joint Stock Companies in Lower Canada for the construction of Macadamized Roads, and of Bridges, and other works of like nature."

**W**HEREAS in and by an Act of the Parliament of this Province passed in the Session thereof held in the twelfth year of Her Majesty's reign chaptered fifty-six, Preamble.

and intituled "An Act to authorize the formation of 12 Vic. c. 56, cited.  
5 "Joint Stock Companies in Lower Canada for the construction of Macadamized Roads, and of Bridges and "other works of like nature" it is amongst other things in effect enacted and provided that no By-law Rule or Regulation of any Company formed under the provisions of the  
10 said Act fixing regulating or altering the rate of tolls or charges on any such work or affecting others than the Members or Officers of such Company shall have force or effect until it shall have been confirmed by the Governor in Council, but that it shall be lawful for any individual to  
15 compound with any such Company at such reasonable rates as shall be determined upon by the said Company for passing over any of the said roads or bridges, or for using any of the wharves piers or slides constructed by any such Company; and whereas the interests of the public are not  
20 sufficiently protected by said enactment subject to such proviso.

Be it enacted, &c., That the same tolls shall be payable Equal tolls to be taken on all goods and persons.  
on such works respectively at the same time and under the same circumstances upon all goods and persons, so that no  
25 undue advantage, privilege or monopoly may be afforded to any person or class of persons by any By-law, Rule or Regulation or by any composition relating to tolls as aforesaid.

II. And be it enacted, that the books of account required Books of account to be open to inspection by persons appointed by the Governor.  
30 by the twenty-first section of the said Act to be kept by every such Company shall be at all times open to the inspection and examination of any person or persons who may for that purpose be appointed by the Governor in Council, and that whenever it shall appear from such  
35 books of account that there have been divided among the Shareholders of any such Company profits exceeding an average of \_\_\_\_\_ per cent. per annum on the paid-up stock from the time of the formation of such Company it shall be lawful for the Governor in Council to order and