



BRITISH COLUMBIA.

ANNO TRICESIMO QUARTO

VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

No. 15.

An Act to enable the Governor to grant Charters for Tolls.

[25th March, 1871.

WHEREAS it has been considered doubtful whether the Governor has power to grant Charters for collecting Tolls; Preamble.

And, whereas, it is advisable to remove all doubts upon the subject, and as well to confirm all such Charters as have been already issued as to grant such powers in that respect to the Governor for the time being, as are hereinafter contained;

Be it therefore enacted by the Governor of British Columbia, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:

I. The term "Governor" shall mean the Officer for the time being lawfully Administering the Government of this Colony. Interpretation Clause.

II. All Charters heretofore granted by the Governor for the time being for the Collection of Tolls, or any authority for that purpose heretofore given by Deed, by any Officer employed by the Government, acting on behalf of the Government, shall be valid and effectual to all intents and purposes. Charters, &c., heretofore granted to be valid.

III. The Governor in Council may, from time to time, in Her Majesty's name, and under the Public Seal of this Colony, grant to any person or persons, upon such terms as he may think fit, Charters for the Collection of Tolls on any Road to be hereafter opened or improved by the person or persons obtaining the Charter. Governor in Council may grant Charters under Public Seal ;

IV. No such Charter shall be granted until Tenders have been invited for the work required or proposed to be done for or in respect of which such Charter is proposed to be granted. Provided that it shall not be imperative upon the Governor in Council to grant such Charter to any person tendering for the performance of such work as aforesaid, nor to the person whose tender shall apparently be most favourable to the interests of the public generally. but not until Tenders have been called for.

V. This Act may be cited for all purposes as "The Toll Charter Act, 1871." Short Title.

Passed the Legislative Council the 21st day of March, A. D. 1871.

CHARLES GOOD,
Clerk of the Council.

PHILIP J. HANKIN,
Speaker.

Assented to, in Her Majesty's name, this 25th day of March, 1871.

A. MUSGRAVE,
Governor.