

*To His Excellency Genl. Sir John A. Macdonald,
Military Order of the Bath, Captain-General,
Provinces of Lower & Upper Canada.*

To the Honourable The LEGISLATIVE
Burgesses of the Province

THE PETITION *of the Inhabitants*

HUMBLY SHEWETH,

THAT great inconvenience has hitherto been and still is in the City of Montreal, and other populous parts of its District, in the Roads, which every regulation heretofore established has provided for, and which is nearly, (and threatens to become utterly) insupportable by Law to keep in constant repair the Roads in front of their

THAT the level state of the Roads in the Sister Provinces, and the St. Lawrence River, demonstrate incontestably that this inconvenience is not peculiar to this Country.

THAT your Petitioners are therefore fully convinced, that the use of Carriages, similar to those used in the countries just mentioned,

THAT your Petitioners are aware that it is a prevailing idea, that of driving the horses abreast, than to the construction of the Roads in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick (where the snow is equally deep, and where those where they are used abreast.

THAT the Road Act, as it now exists, is harassing and oppressive to their property, whatever may be its situation, and the number of the Carriages, cause the evil complained of, and

THAT your Petitioners well knowing the great bulk of the Carriages, feel that the grand object they have in view, can only be attained, from which persons using the kind of Carriage herein

YOUR Petitioners, therefore (with due deference to your wisdom) propose that the Winter Roads shall be kept in repair at the Public Expense, and that the Lands and Houses in proportion to their respective Fronts; and that the Roads, high runnered Carriages drawn by horses, single or double, on Shafts or pole, or cross bar (when the latter is used) shall not

THE benefit of adopting the use of a Sleigh, when constructed so as to be driven abreast, a ridge is formed through the length of the Road, so that the Carriages of the Province of Canada to participate upon equal terms with those of the Province of New Brunswick, of which they now are (owing to the use of the Sleigh) the advantages of being suitable for roads beaten by horses singly,

AND as an effectual means to secure the proper and cheap repair of the Roads (without expence) your Petitioners further respectfully propose, that the Roads be kept in the usual manner, that, on a day to be fixed, the keeping in repair of the Roads be judged to the lowest bidder, who shall be required to give good

AND in order to afford every facility to the accomplishment of the proposed model of the Sleigh, which they have now the honor to recommend, persons shall be permitted to have free access.

Your Petitioners beg leave most respectfully to express their hope, that the proposed Law to the Province at large, it may in the first instance be generally satisfied that the benefits it will be found to confer upon the minds of the whole population, and thus every objection to it

Your Petitioners, in conclusion, beg permission to remark, that the Roads in the *Chemins de Ligne*, which are the great Thoroughfares, nor can they be, inasmuch as those who are bound by Law to