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## BILL.

### An Act to enable certain Municipal Corporations in Upper Canada to aid in the establishment of internal means of communication.

**W**HEREAS that section of the Peninsula of Western Canada Preamble. lying northwesterly from the Town of Guelph, and embracing the greater part of the Counties of Wellington and Bruce as well as portions of the Counties of Grey, Perth and Huron, is entirely destitute of proper facilities for communicating with the produce markets of the Province: And whereas the Reeves of the Municipalities of Fergus, Puslinch, Normanby, Brant, Elora, Minto, Pilkington, Saugueen, Arthur, Nichol, Kinloss, Howick, Greenock, Culross, and Kincardine, and many others have by their petitions prayed that those Municipal Corporations desiring a means of communication may be enabled to aid in the establishment of the same and may be empowered to distribute any liability which they may see advisable to incur thereby over the various sections of each Municipality incurring such liability, in an equitable proportion to the benefits which they may derive from the improvements, or so far as it is practicable so to do:— And inasmuch as the construction of Railways and of other roads has been found to enhance to the largest amount the value of property within easy access of these lines of traffic, and it is believed that the various degrees of additional value given to property within the influence of these works may be taken as a fair standard by which to measure the different degrees of benefit received from their establishment:—And whereas it is expedient to empower the various Municipalities aforesaid to aid in the promotion of their own prosperity in accordance with the equitable principle expressed in the prayers of the petitioners: Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows:

I. On and after the passing of this Act it shall be lawful for the County Council of Wellington, the provisional County Council of Bruce, and any other Municipal Corporation either in these Counties or in the Counties of Grey, Huron or Perth, to guarantee to give a bonus to any Company or Companies who shall undertake to build and complete a Railway or gravel road or roads, or both together, through or along these Counties, or other Municipalities aforesaid, such bonus to be paid in annual instalments commencing after the Railway or Gravel roads are in operation or in use, and these instalments to be realised (except in the case provided for by the fourth section) by levying a rate not exceeding one per cent. per annum on the future increase of the assessed value of such Municipalities, which increase is to be taken to mean the difference between the assessed

Certain County Councils may guarantee bonus to Companies building road or Railway through or along their Counties.