

An Act respecting the Desjardins Canal.

WHEREAS the Corporation of the Town of Dundas, the Desjardins Canal Company, the Great Western Railway Company, and the Hamilton and Milton Road Company are desirous of entering into an amicable arrangement respecting the present difficulties existing between them with respect to the erecting, keeping and maintaining across the Desjardins Canal at Burlington Heights stationary or other bridge or bridges, and thereby put an end to any further litigation respecting the same, and for that purpose a petition has been presented to the Parliament of Canada for an Act to authorize them to enter into such arrangements, and to legalize and make the same permanent and effectual, and it is desirable to grant the prayer of the said petition; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:—

1. It shall be lawful for the corporation of the town of Dundas, the Desjardins Canal Company, the Great Western Railway Company, and the Hamilton and Milton Road Company, and they are hereby authorized to make and enter into such agreements and arrangements as they shall think advisable for or respecting the erecting, keeping and maintaining across the said canal at and near the Burlington Heights, in all time to come, of any fixed or stationary or other bridge or bridges, already created or to be created, and of converting and changing any and all moveable or draw or swing bridges across the said canal into fixed and permanent bridges, and whether the said canal shall thereby be closed against masted vessels or not; and all such agreements and arrangements executed under the respective corporate seals of the said parties shall be held to be legal, binding and effectual to all intents and purposes whatsoever, and shall have the same force and effect as if expressly done and provided by Act of Parliament, and it shall thereupon be lawful to erect, keep and maintain all and any such bridges, as fixed, stationary and permanent bridges across the said canal, and to convert and change any and all movable or draw or swing bridges across the same into fixed and permanent bridges, as by the said agreements and arrangements shall be provided.

The several companies interested may enter into agreements respecting bridges.

Effect of such agreement.

2. It is hereby further provided that this Act shall not in any way affect the present legal or equitable position or standing of the corporation of the town of Dundas, the Desjardins Canal Company, the Great Western Railway Company, the Hamilton and Milton Road Company, or either of them, in case no agreements or arrangements can be made between the said parties.

Rights saved in case no agreement is entered into.