

An Act to authorise the Corporation of the United Counties of Huron and Bruce to levy the rate imposed for Gravel Roads, by a certain By-law of the said United Counties.

**W**HEREAS the Municipal Corporation of the United Counties of Huron and Bruce did by By-law, passed by the said Corporation on the twenty-first day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, authorise the issue of Debentures of the said United Counties, to the amount of £100,000, and did, for the payment of the interest thereon, and the sinking fund of two per cent. required by By-law, in and by the said By-law direct that a rate of one penny and thirteen twenty-fourths of a penny in the pound should be raised on the whole rateable property of the said United Counties, which for the previous financial year had been valued at the sum of £1,463,778; and whereas the sum estimated to be raised on the said value was £11,000 per annum, which is more than the said rate so directed to be imposed, would produce, whereby the said By-law is rendered liable to grave doubts as to its legality; and whereas the present rateable value of the property of the said United Counties is upwards of £2,000,000, and the imposition of the said rate, in the said By-law, is sufficient to produce the said sum of £11,000 per annum on such valuation; and whereas large sums of money have been advanced by the said United Counties, on the credit of the Debentures issued under the said By-law, and the said United Counties are desirous of keeping faith with their public creditors, and have prayed for legislative relief in the premises, which it is desirable they should receive; Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enact as follows:

I. For and notwithstanding any defect in the said By-law, there shall be assessed, levied and raised upon the whole rateable property within the said United Counties of Huron and Bruce, for the purpose of providing for the payment of the Debentures issued under the said recited By-law, and the interest thereon, a special rate in each year, during the continuance of the said Debentures, or any part of them, or the sum or sums by them made payable, over and above and in addition to all other rates and taxes whatever, that is to say, in each year from henceforth until and ending on the 1st day of August, 1876, one penny and thirteen twenty-fourth parts of a penny in the pound: and the same shall be applied according to the provisions made by the said recited By-law.

Special rate of  
of 1d. 13-24,  
to be levied  
annually until  
1st August  
1876.