

## B I L L.

An Act to empower the St. Lawrence and Lake Champlain Railroad Company to make a Branch Road to the Province line east of the River Richelieu, and to construct a Bridge over the said River.

**W**HEREAS the Company of Proprietors of the Champlain and St. Lawrence Railroad, incorporated under and by virtue of an Act of the Legislature of the Province of Lower Canada, passed in the second year of the Reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, and intituled, "*An Act for making a Railroad from Lake Champlain to the River St. Lawrence,*" have, by their petition to the Legislature, represented that they are desirous of making a Branch from some point on their Railroad between Isle aux Noix and Rouse's Point across the River Richelieu to the Province line on the east side of the said River, there to connect with the American Railroads leading to the great cities on the Atlantic Ocean, and have prayed that the powers necessary for this purpose, and certain other powers required for the better management of their business, be granted to the said Company; and whereas the said Branch Railroad, if carried over the said River Richelieu on a suitable Bridge or Viaduct, so as to avoid the delay, damage and inconvenience attending any change of carriages, would tend greatly to facilitate the communication between the whole valley of the River St. Lawrence and the Atlantic Ocean, to increase the trade passing down the said river from the great lakes and the Western Country, and to augment the revenue of the Canal and Public Works of this Province, and it is therefore expedient, under suitable provisions and conditions, to grant the prayer of the said Company; Be it therefore enacted, &c.,

Preamble.

L. C.

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Company may  
make a  
Branch Road  
and a Bridge.

That the said Company of Proprietors of the Champlain and St. Lawrence Railroad shall have full power and authority to construct a Branch Railroad from some point on the railroad they are now authorized to make, to a point on the River Richelieu between Isle aux Noix and the Province line, thence across the said river upon a proper bridge or viaduct as hereinafter mentioned, to the eastern bank thereof, and thence to some point on the Province line in the County of Rouville.