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An Act to amend the Laws regulating Ferries,
and to encourage the employment of steam-
boats as ferry-boats in the Province of
Canada.

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An Act to amend the Laws regulating Ferries, so as to encourage the employment of Steamboats as Ferry-boats in Upper Canada.

WHEREAS it is necessary and expedient to afford greater inducements Preamble.
than now by Law exist for the purpose of establishing steam
ferries in Upper Canada, and it is necessary to amend the Laws regulating
ferries in order that this desired object may be attained; Therefore Her
5 Majesty, &c., enacts as follows:

I. In all cases where a ferry is required over any stream or other water A license to have a Steam Ferry between two Municipalities may be granted to Municipalities in U. C. by the Governor.
within Upper Canada, and the two shores of such stream or other water
shall be in different Municipalities, it shall and may be lawful for the
Governor in Council to grant a license under the Great Seal of the Pro-
10 vince, to either of such Municipalities exclusively, or to both conjointly,
as may be most conducive to the public interest, such license to confer
a right in such Municipality or Municipalities to establish a ferry from
shore to shore on such stream or other water, and with such limit and
15 extent as shall appear advisable to the Governor in Council, upon condition
that the craft to be used for the purpose of such ferry shall be propelled
by steam; and the craft shall be of such dimensions, and engine of such
power as the Governor in Council shall direct, and also subject to such
further and other conditions as to the Governor in Council may seem meet.

II. Such license may be granted for any period not exceeding fifty Period of License.
20 years.

III. Upon the receipt of the said license, it shall be lawful for the Municipalities may sub let such Ferry.
Municipality or Municipalities to whom such license shall have issued, to
pass a By-law declaring their determination to sub-let the said ferry, which
ferry the said Municipality or Municipalities is or are hereby authorized to
25 sub-let, for such price, and upon such terms, and to such parties, as the
said Municipality or Municipalities may deem best, provided that in
so sub-letting, the said Municipality or Municipalities shall not in any way
contravene the terms of the license from the Crown.

IV. In all cases where the one shore of such stream or other water is Incorporated Cities, Towns and Villages to have the preference as to such license
30 within the limits of a City, Town, or incorporated Village, and the other
shore of such stream or other water in a Township or other rural Muni-
cipality, the license shall in all cases be issued to the City, Town, or
incorporated Village as aforesaid.

V. All Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act Inconsistent enactments repealed.
35 are hereby repealed.

VI. This Act shall extend only to Upper Canada. Act limited to U. C.

VII. The Interpretation Act shall apply to this Act. Interpretation.