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4th Session, 3rd Parliament, 14 Victoria, 1851.

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## **B I L L.**

**An Act to provide for the construction  
of a Canal to connect Lakes Superior  
and Huron.**

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**Received and read a first time, Monday, 2nd  
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**Hon. Mr. ROBINSON.**

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## BILL.

An Act to provide for the construction of a Canal to connect Lakes Superior and Huron.

**W**HEREAS it is highly desirable to connect the waters of Lakes Huron and Superior by a Canal capable of passing steamers and other vessels of the largest class:—Be it therefore enacted, &c.

Preamble.

5 That it shall and may be lawful for the Governor of this Province, by and with the advice of the Executive Council thereof, to authorize any Company of five or more persons which may be willing to undertake the same, to construct a Canal at the Falls of Ste. Marie at the foot of  
10 Lake Superior.

Governor may authorize a Company to construct the Canal.

15 II. And be it enacted, That the said Canal and the Locks connected therewith, shall not be of less dimensions than those connecting Lake Ontario with the ocean; and shall be built and constructed of such materials and in such a  
15 manner as the Commissioners of Public Works of this Province may approve of, with the sanction of the Governor in Council.

Dimensions, &c., of Canal.

20 III. And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Government of this Province to appropriate to the use of such Company, such portion of the public land at the Falls Ste. Marie, as may be necessary for the convenient construction of a Canal as aforesaid.

Requisite lands may be granted.

25 IV. And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for any Company which may complete the Canal in the manner aforesaid, to exact such tolls on all vessels and goods passing through the same as may be approved of by the Governor in Council.

Company may take tolls.

30 V. And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Government of this Province, under any Act of the Legislature authorizing the payment of the compensation hereinafter mentioned, to take possession of the said Canal and works at any time, by giving twelve months' notice to the proprietors and paying to them a sum equal to their actual expenditure on such Canal, and  
35 fifteen per cent. advance thereon.

Government may take the canal on certain terms.