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No. 273.

3rd Session, 5th Parliament, 20 Victoria, 1857.

(PRIVATE BILL.)

BILL.

An Act to authorize George S. Wilkes of Brantford to use the waters of the Grand River at Holmedale, Township of Brantford, for Hydraulic purposes.

Received and read, first time, Friday, 24th April, 1857.

Second reading, Monday, 27th April, 1857.

MR. DALY.

**An Act to authorise G. S. Wilkes to construct a Dam
on the Grand River at Holmedale,**

WHEREAS it is expedient to encourage the construction of Water Powers for manufacturing purposes; And whereas George Samuel Wilkes of Brantford has petitioned the Legislature of this Province to grant him power to construct a dam across the Grand River upon his property at Holmedale, and to use the waters of the said Grand River for Hydraulic purposes, and it is expedient to grant his prayer; Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows:

I. It shall and may be lawful for the said George Samuel Wilkes, his heirs and assigns, to erect, build, construct and maintain a dam, of wood, stone or other material or materials, upon and across the Grand River at Holmedale aforesaid, and to raise the water thereby, and to use and discharge the water of the said Grand River by means of the Hydraulic Canal now constructed upon the said property, for any manufacturing purpose whatever, and to dispose of the same: Provided that no damage to property, by means of so raising the water by means of the said dam, shall be permitted by this Act without the consent of the owners of such property.

II. The said George Samuel Wilkes, his heirs and assigns, shall be held to possess and be beneficially interested in the said dam and water power, so that he or they may be enabled to institute and sustain, and it shall be lawful for him or them to institute and sustain any action or actions at law or in equity against any person or persons who may break down, destroy, or injure in any way or manner the said dam and water power, or who shall in any wise prevent or interfere with the use and enjoyment thereof by the said George Samuel Wilkes, his heirs and assigns; Provided always, that nothing in this Act contained shall exempt the said George Samuel Wilkes, his heirs and assigns, from providing a slide or slides, or other conveniences, for the transmission of timber or logs over the said dam as required by law.

III. This Act shall be deemed a public Act.

Public Act.