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Roads through Indian Reserves in Lower Canada.

WHEREAS great inconvenience has been suffered from
the want of authority to the Municipalities of Lower
Canada to make and cause to be maintained public roads in
the Indian Reserves of Lower Canada : Therefore, Her Ma-
5 jesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative
Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows :

Preamble.

1. Whenever the Council of a County in which any Indian
Reserve is situate in Lower Canada, or the Council of any
local Municipality surrounding or contiguous to any such Re-
10 serve, shall by Resolution declare that it is necessary that any
land set apart for a public road by the original survey of such
Indian Reserve should be opened or kept open by such Muni-
cipality, it shall be lawful for such Council, through their road
officers, to enter upon such road, and to cause the same to be
15 maintained ;—and whenever it shall be declared by a Resolution
of any such Council, that it is expedient to take any part of an
Indian Reserve for the purpose of opening a new road, it shall
be lawful for such Council, after consent obtained from the
Superintendent General of Indian Affairs, to enter upon the
20 same in the manner prescribed by “The Lower Canada Muni-
cipal and Road Act of 1855,” and the price at which any such
land shall be valued shall be paid to the Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs, for the use of the Tribe of Indians for which
such land may be held in trust.

Such Roads
may be made
under Resolu-
tion of the
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cil with the
consent of the
Superintend-
ent of Indian
Affairs.

2. Any road in any Indian Reserve in Lower Canada
brought under the control of a Municipality by the above clause,
may be maintained by Statute Labour, to be performed by the
Indians of such Reserve, according to a By-law or By-laws
passed by any such Municipality, and approved by the Super-
25 intendent General of Indian Affairs.

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