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4th Session, 3rd Parliament, 14 and 15 Victoria, 1851.

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## BILL.

An Act to amend an Act intituled "An  
" Act to authorize the formation of  
" Joint Stock Companies in Lower  
" Canada for the construction of  
" Macadamized Roads, and of Brid-  
" ges, and other works of like nature."

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"authorize the formation of Joint Stock Com-  
"panies in Lower Canada for the construction  
"of Macadamized Roads, and of Bridges, and  
"other works of like nature."

WHEREAS in and by an Act of the Parliament of Preamble.  
this Province passed in the Session thereof held in  
the twelfth year of Her Majesty's reign chaptered fifty-six,  
and intituled "An Act to authorize the formation of 12 Vic. c. 56.  
cited.  
5 "Joint Stock Companies in Lower Canada for the con-  
"struction of Macadamized Roads, and of Bridges and  
"other works of like nature" it is amongst other things in  
effect enacted and provided that no By-law Rule or Regu-  
lation of any Company formed under the provisions of the  
10 said Act fixing regulating or altering the rate of tolls or  
charges on any such work or affecting others than the  
Members or Officers of such Company shall have force  
or effect until it shall have been confirmed by the Governor  
in Council, but that it shall be lawful for any individual to  
15 compound with any such Company at such reasonable rates  
as shall be determined upon by the said Company for  
passing over any of the said roads or bridges, or for using  
any of the wharves piers or slides constructed by any such  
Company; and whereas the interests of the public are not  
20 sufficiently protected by said enactment subject to such  
proviso.

Be it enacted, &c., That the same tolls shall be payable Equal tolls to  
on such works respectively at the same time and under the be taken on all  
same circumstances upon all goods and persons, so that no goods and per-  
sons.  
25 undue advantage, privilege or monopoly may be afforded  
to any person or class of persons by any By-law, Rule or  
Regulation or by any composition relating to tolls as  
aforesaid.

II. And be it enacted, that the books of account required Books of ac-  
30 by the twenty-first section of the said Act to be kept by count to be  
every such Company shall be at all times open to the open to inspec-  
inspection and examination of any person or persons who tion by persons  
may for that purpose be appointed by the Governor in appointed by  
Council, and that whenever it shall appear from such the Governor.  
35 books of account that there have been divided among the Shareholders of any such Company profits exceeding an average of per cent. per annum on the paid-up stock from the time of the formation of such Company it shall be lawful for the Governor in Council to order and

direct that lower rates of tolls shall be taken on the work to which such books of account shall relate from and after a day to be named in the Order in Council for that purpose; and from and after such day it shall not be lawful for the said Company to take or levy tolls on such work at any higher rate than that mentioned in such Order in Council: Provided always, that every such Order in Council shall be published in the Canada Gazette at least 5 times before the day therein mentioned as the day on which the same shall take effect as aforesaid. 10

Rates of tolls  
may be reduced  
by Order in  
Council, under  
certain circum-  
stances.