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No. 234.

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4th Session, 6th Parliament, 24 Victoria, 1861.

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**BILL.**

An Act to remove doubts as to the validity of By-law number fifty-seven, of the Corporation of the County of Grey, and of certain Debentures thereunder.

[PRIVATE BILL.]

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Mr. A. MORRISON.

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**QUEBEC:**

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**An Act to remove doubts as to the validity of By-law numbered fifty-seven of the Corporation of the County of Grey, and of certain Debentures thereunder.**

**W**HEREAS it is represented by Petition of Alexander Manning, of the City of Toronto, Esquire : That the Corporation of the County of Grey did, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine, pass a By-law to raise the sum of fifty thousand pounds for gravelling or otherwise improving certain Roads within that County : that subsequently thereto, the contract for the grading and gravelling of the said Roads under the said By-law, was given by the Corporation of the County of Grey to the firm of Wright, Macdonald & Manning, of which the Petitioner is the representative : that during the progress of the contract and up to the present time, the Petitioner and his firm have received certain of the Debentures issued under the said By-law, and that the Petitioner has disposed of the amount of twenty thousand pounds worth of the said Debentures : that, upon endeavouring to dispose of such as now remain in the Petitioner's hands, and which are his property, as having been handed to him on account of his contract and the performance thereof, and the outlay in respect thereof, the Petitioner is advised that it is doubtful whether the By-law and Debentures are good and valid and binding on the County of Grey, inasmuch as it has been alleged that the precise formalities as to promulgation of the By-law after submission to the rate-payers and the addition of the aggregate number of Votes, were not strictly complied with : that the Petitioner by himself and his firm performed the contract in the belief that no informality existed in the By-law or Debentures thereunder, and that upon receipt of a portion of the Debentures he sold them to and the same are now held by actual *bonâ fide* purchasers ; and the Petitioner therefore, prays that an Act may be passed to remove doubts as to the validity of the said By-law and the Debentures thereunder ; And whereas it is desirable to extend the relief prayed for by the petitioners : Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows :

Preamble.  
Case of A.  
Manning re-  
cited.

I. The By-law number fifty-seven, of the Corporation of the County of Grey, to enable the Corporation of the said County to raise the sum of fifty thousand pounds, for gravelling or otherwise improving certain roads within the County, and Debentures thereunder, shall be and are hereby declared to be valid to and for all intents and purposes whatsoever.

The By-Law  
and Deben-  
tures declared  
valid.

II. This Act shall be deemed a Public Act.

Public Act.