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2nd Session, 7th Parliament, 26 Victoria, 1863.

## BILL.

An Act to authorize the Corporation of the Township of Saint Vincent, to impose and collect certain tolls and for other purposes.

Received and read, first time, Monday 9th March, 1863. Second reading, Wednesday, 11th March, 1863.

(LOCAL BILL.)

Mr. JACKSON.

QUEBEC:

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An Act to authorize the Corporation of the Township of St. Vincent, to impose and collect certain tolls and for other purposes. 5 WHEREAS the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Town-

ship of Saint Vincent have, by their petition, represented, that Preamble.

under the direction and superintendence of an engineer appointed by the Government, they crected a pier or wharf at the Village of Meaford, in the said Township of St. Vincent, on certain water lots hereinafter , 10 particularly referred to, four hundred and five feet long, and twenty-eight feet wide, in the years 1856 and 1857;—that the cost of making the said pier or wharf and of the erection of a storehouse in connection therewith, was about the sum of sixteen thousand dollars, of which amount the Government paid one half, and the said petitioners the other half, (the cost of 15 the storehouse being about one thousand dollars):—that said petitioners borrowed, on the credit of debentures, the money necessary to pay the half of the cost of the making of the said pier or wharf, and of crecting the said storehouse, being the sum of \$8,000, and that debentures to the amount of \$2,000, bearing interest, are still outstanding and unpaid on 20 account thereof; that after the said pier or wharf was made, a patent, bearing date the third day of February, 1860, was issued to the petitioners, whereby the water lots on which the said pier or wharf is erected, were granted to the petitioners in trust as a site for a pier and public landing place; and which said water lots are particularly described in 25 said patent, and contain two acres, be the same more or less; that the petitioners, at the time they erected the said pier or wharf, acted under the belief that they had power to impose reasonable wharfage dues, but that they are now advised that they have no power to pass by-laws imposing wharfage dues ;--that many of the inhabitants of the Townships of 30 Euphrasia, Collingwood, Holland and Sydenham, as well as the inhabitants of the Township of Saint Vincent use the said pier or wharf, and most of them, as petitioners believe, are in favor of petitioners having authority to impose reasonable wharfage dues for purposes herein mentioned;—that the yearly expenditure required to keep a person to attend

from time to time it will soon go to wreck and become useless; that the 40 port of Meaford is very much exposed to the north and north-west winds, and that for the proper accommodation and security of vessels entering the harbor of Meaford the said pier (there being no other pier at the said harbor) requires to be enlarged by extending the same in length about thirty feet, additional, and making the said extended part,

35 to said wharf and storehouse and to keep the same in repair, is about six hundred dollars;—that unless the petitioners are authorized to collect reasonable wharfage dues they will not be able to keep the said wharf in repair, and unless the said wharf is attended to and repaired

45 say two hundred feet wide, thus forming a break-water,—and that the cost of the proposed en argement will be about eight thousand or ten thousand dollars. And, whereas, the said Municipal Council have, by their said petition, further represented, that lots numbers 19 and 20, on the north

side of Trowbridge Street, in the Town of Meaford, were, by patent bearing date the 6th day of April, 1857, granted to them as a site for a Town Hall and other similar public purposes, and that lots No 19 and 20 on the south side of Collingwood Street, and numbers 19 and 20 on the north side of Nelson Street, in the said Town of Meaford, were, by patent bearing date the 11th day of March, 1857, granted to them as a site for a Market House; that the four last mentioned lots are sufficient for a Market House and also for a Town Hall; that the petitioners, for the purpose of raising money to assist them to erect a Town Hall on the said four last mentioned lots, and believing they had power to sell the said two first named lots, being numbers 19 and 20 on the 10 north side of Trowbridge Street, on or about the 20th day of July, 1861, made a contract with one James Stewart for the sale to him of the said two lots on Trowbridge Street, for the sum of \$1,200, and that said James Stewart under the said contract was shortly thereafter let into possession of the same by the petitioners, and that there has been erected thereon 15 three framed buildings, which are worth about \$1,500; that the said petitioners are advised that they cannot make a valid deed of the said two lots on Trowbridge Street except under an Act of Parliament, and they fear that unless they can obtain authority to make a deed pursuant to their said contract they will have to pay large damages; and that the 20 said lots are not, nor are they likely to be required by said petitioners for any public purpose; -- and they have prayed that any Act may be passed authorizing them to impose reasonable wharfage dues on goods, wares, merchandise and chattels passing over the said wharf at Meaford, to enable them to keep the wharf in repair, to enlarge the same and to 25 assist them to pay off the said outstanding debentures, and also that they may be authorized to make a deed of the said lots numbers 19 and 20, on the north side of Trowbridge Street, in the said town of Meaford, to the said James Stewart his heirs or assigns, or to whom he shall appoint, and it is expedient to grant the prayer of their petition: Therefore, 30 Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

Corporation inafter limited.

1. The Corporation of the Township of St. Vincent, or the Council of Saint Vin-cont may im- thereof, are authorized and empowered to pass by-laws for the imposi- 35 pose certain tion and collection of wharfage or tolls (to be employed after payment tolls as here- of the expenses of collection, for the purpose of keeping the said pier or wharf in repair, of assisting in liquidating the debt incurred by the said Corporation in making the said wharf, and for the purpose of enlarging the same) on all goods, wares, merchandise and chattels shipped on board 40 or landed out of any vessel, boat or other craft from or upon such pier or wharf, not exceeding the following, that is to say:--

The following Rates are proposed to be inserted in Committee Whole.	of the	45		
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Flour, Meal, Beer, Ale or Porter, per barrel	3			
Grain of all kinds, per bushel	1			
Timothy and Clover Seeds, per bushel	3	4 -		
Potatoes and other roots, "	ļ	45		
Pork, Beef, Lard or Butter, per barrel	5			
Apples, Fish, Salt, Water Lime, or Plaster, per barrel	2			
Potash, Pearlash, Molasses, Whiskey or Vinegar, per brl.	6	.*		
Lard or Butter, per keg or firkin	2			
Brandy, Gin, Rum, Wines or Highwines, per barrel	10	<b>50</b>		
Lime, "	1			

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	Calves, Sheep or Swine, each,	. 2
	Fowls of all kinds, "	. 1
	Sawed Lumber, per 1000 feet	. 12
_	Square or Round Timber, per 100 cubic feet	10
5	Saw Logs, each	1
	Shingles and Laths, per mille	$\tilde{2}$
	Staves.	5
	Staves, "Coal, per ton	15
	Pig, Bar, Scrap or Cast Iron, per ton	25
10	Castings, Chain Cable, Nails and Spikes, per ton	25
	Leather and Furniture,	
	Merchandise not herein enumerated. "	
	Leather and Furniture,  Merchandise not herein enumerated,  Grindstones,  Nursery Produce,  """  """  """  """  """  """  """	
	Nursery Produce, . "	
15	Earthen or Stoneware, per crate or hhd	
	Thrashing Machines, each	100
	Possing and Maning Madines and	100
	Reaping and Mowing Machines, each.	อบ
	Horse Rakes, Straw Cutters, Root Slicers and Ploughs,	_
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40	Vehicles of all kinds, each	
	Fanning Mills, "	12
	Bricks, per mille	2
	Hides and Skins, per 100 lbs	8
05	Hay, per ton	10
25	Hops, per 100 lbs	10
	Cordwood, per cord	10
	Eggs, per barrel or box	4
	All articles not herein enumerated, per ton	40
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Provided that the by-law or by-laws imposing the said wharfage or Proviso. 30 tolls shall be approved by the Governor in Council, and that an annual return be made to Parliament of the amounts collected under the same, approved by and the mode of expenditure; and provided further that the power to Governor in collect such wharfage or tolls shall cease in twenty years after the pass-Council. ing of this Act.

*,* 35 2. If any person or persons shall neglect or refuse to pay the wharf- Powers for age or tolls to be collected under this Act and under any by-law or by-enforcing laws that may be passed, under the authority thereof, it shall and may be lawful for the said Corporation, or the Council thereof, their agents, officers or servants to seize and detain the goods, wares, merchan-40 disc and chattels on which the same are due and payable, until such wharfage or tolls, together with the reasonable charge for keeping and storing of such goods, wares, merchandise and chattels are paid; and if the same shall be unpaid for the space of thirty days next after such seizure, the said Corporation or the Council thereof, their agents officers 45 or servants, as aforesaid, may sell and dispose of the said goods, wares, merchandise or chattels, or such part thereof as may be necessary to pay the said wharfage or tolls and the reasonable costs and charges of keeping, storing and selling the same, by public auction, after giving ten days notice thereof, and shall return the overplus, if any, to the owner 50 or owners thereof.

3. Every Vessel, boat, or other craft on board of which goods, wares, Vesselv to be merchandise or chattels may be shipped, shall be liable for the dues may be dechargeable against such goods, wares, merchandise or chattels, and in tained for the event of non-payment thereof, may be detained until payment thereof non-payment. 55 is made.

Corporation may sell and convey ceroceds.

4. The said Corporation of the Township of Saint Vincent, or the Council thereof are authorized and empowered to make a conveyance of tain lots and the said lots 19 and 20, on the north side of Trowbridge Street, in the apply the pro- Town of Meaford, to the said James Stewart, his heirs or assigns, or to whom he shall appoint, upon payment of the purchase money therefor, 5 and to apply the proceeds, so far as the same will go, in erecting a Town Hall on the said lots 19 and 20, on the south side of Collingwood Street, and 19 and 20, on the north side of Nelson Street, in the said Town of Meaford, or on some one or more of the said lots.

Public Act.

5. This Act shall be deemed a Public Act.

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