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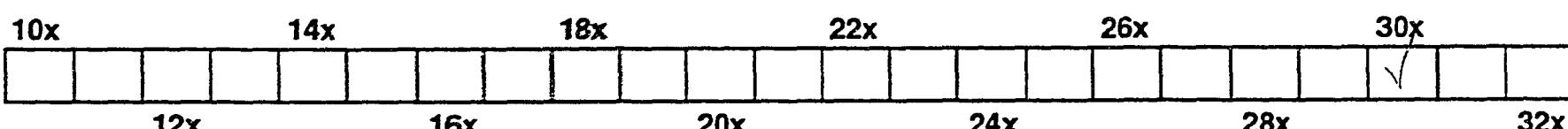
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An Act to amend Chapter 26 of the Consolidated Statutes for Lower Canada, in so far as it relates to rivers and streams.

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An Act to amend Chapter 26 of the Consolidated Statutes for Lower Canada, in so far as it relates to rivers and streams.

WHEREAS it is necessary, for the promotion of agricultural interests, to make further provisions enabling proprietors of low and swampy lands in the vicinity of streams and unnavigable rivers, and which are insufficient for the drainage of such lands, to require of and to authorize the authorities having jurisdiction in these matters to verbalise such streams and rivers, Therefore, Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows:—

1. Whenever it becomes necessary to deepen or enlarge any stream or unnavigable river for the drainage of lands subject to inundation in consequence of the bad state or insufficiency of such streams and rivers, to be done. Inspectors to regulate work
or any part thereof, the necessary works to be done may be regulated, on the requisition of one of the parties interested, by two inspectors having no interest therein, residing in the parish or township in which the work required is to be done.
2. If there are no disinterested Inspectors in such parish or township, the works shall, in such case, be regulated by two disinterested Inspectors from neighboring parishes, &c., to be called in, in certain cases. Inspectors from neighboring parishes, &c., to be called in, in certain cases.
whenever their services are required, in accordance with the provisions of the Act above cited.
3. Any person interested in such deepening or enlarging, or in the distribution of the works necessary for the maintenance in order of any such stream or river, may, if it passes through two or more townships or parishes, apply to disinterested Inspectors in each parish or township to regulate and determine, by a *procès-verbal*, the work to be done and the parties by whom it is to be done.
In case the stream passes through two or more parishes, &c.
4. If the Inspectors are equally divided in opinion on the matter at issue, they shall call in another disinterested Inspector, and if they cannot agree on the choice of such other Inspector, he shall be appointed by a Justice of the Peace upon the requisition of one of the parties interested, or of one of the Inspectors, and the decision of the majority shall be final.
A third Inspector may be called in.
5. The proceedings shall be the same as those prescribed for the establishment of a watercourse in which but one parish or township is interested, and the *procès-verbal* shall be homologated in the same manner.