



CHAPTER 5

An Act respecting the construction of certain bridges in the Province

[Assented to, the 4th of April, 1931]

WHEREAS, in order to facilitate transportation in the Province and to complete the road system, it is expedient to provide for the construction of certain large bridges;

Therefore, His Majesty, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of Quebec, enacts as follows:

DIVISION I

Bridges to be Built

1. The construction of the hereinafter mentioned bridges, or of one or more of them, may be effected in accordance with the provisions of this act:

Construction of certain bridges authorized.

1. Bridge over the St. Lawrence river between the town of Lasalle and Caughnawaga (Montreal-Malone highway);

2. Bridge over the St. Lawrence river, over the north channel, between the Island of Orleans and the Beaupré shore;

3. Bridge over the Richelieu river, between St. Joseph-de-Sorel and the city of Sorel (Levis-St. Lambert highway);

4. Bridge over the Yamaska river between Yamaska East and Yamaska West (Levis-St. Lambert highway);

5. Bridge over the St. Francis river between St. François-du-Lac and Pierreville (Levis-St. Lambert highway);

6. Bridge over the Richelieu river, between Belœil and St. Hilaire (Montreal-St. Hyacinthe highway);

7. Bridge over the Saguenay river, between Ste. Anne and the city of Chicoutimi.

DIVISION II

Construction

2. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may authorize the Minister of Public Works and Labour to construct one or more of the bridges enumerated in section 1 of this act, on the site which he may choose, at or near the boundaries of the places mentioned in the said section 1, with the approaches and other necessary works, the whole at a cost not exceeding the total sum of eight million dollars including therein the contributory share of the Province in the construction of the interprovincial bridge contemplated by Division III of this act.

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3. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council is authorized to acquire, by agreement or by expropriation, all immovables, immoveable rights, charges, leases for occupation, emphyteutic leases, constituted rents or any other rights whatsoever, for the approaches, abutments, piers and other works necessary for the bridge or bridges which he may decide to build. Any expropriation required for the purposes of this act shall be subject to the provisions of the Quebec Railway Act (Revised Statutes, 1925, chapter 230), *mutatis mutandis*.

Acquisitions.

The judge may, in granting previous possession of the necessary land, accept, in place of the security required by subsection 3 of section 112 of the said Railway Act, a certificate from the Provincial Treasurer specifying that the latter holds at the court's disposal the amount fixed.

Certificate may replace guarantee.

4. To pay for the construction of each of the said bridges and the necessary works, as well as the acquisitions specified under sections 2 and 3 of this act, the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may authorize the Provincial Treasurer to pay, out of the consolidated revenue fund, upon certificates of the Minister of Public Works and Labour, the sums required for the carrying out of the provisions of this act, or may, if he deem it expedient, authorize the Provincial Treasurer to contract, from time to time, by means of debentures or inscribed stock issued on the credit of the Province, such loan or loans as he thinks necessary for the purposes of this act, but the loan or loans so contracted shall not exceed the total sum fixed by section 2.

Payment by debentures, etc.

Such debentures or inscribed stock shall bear interest at such rate and shall be for such term, in such form and for such amount as the Lieutenant-Governor in Council

Interest, etc., thereof.

may determine, and shall be payable, in principal and interest, annually or semi-annually, at the place indicated by him.

5. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council, pending the Advances. negotiation of the said loan or loans, may also authorize the Provincial Treasurer to advance, from time to time, upon certificates of the Minister of Public Works and Labour, out of the consolidated revenue fund, the sums necessary to carry out the provisions of this act.

A special account of such advances shall be kept in the Special Treasury Department and the proceeds of the loan or account for loans shall be employed first in the reimbursement thereof same. to the consolidated revenue fund.

6. Tolls may be charged and collected on each of the Tolls au- said bridges up to the amount expended for the acqui- thorized. sitions mentioned in section 3, as well as for the cost of construction of each of the said bridges, and the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may make, amend and replace a tariff of tolls payable by the drivers of motor vehicles, pro- Restriction. vided that no such tolls shall be collected from farmers conveying farm products in motor vehicles.

7. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may authorize Contracts the Minister of Public Works and Labour to enter into authorized. any contracts necessary for the purposes of this Division II, with the Government of Canada.

DIVISION III

Interprovincial Bridge

8. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may au- Agreements thorize the Minister of Public Works and Labour to enter authorized. into all necessary agreements, with the Government of Canada and that of the Province of New Brunswick, respecting the construction, upkeep, maintenance, repair, administration and operation of an interprovincial bridge over the Restigouche river between Cross Point, in the Province of Quebec, and Campbellton, in the Province of New Brunswick.

9. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council is further Powers of vested with all the powers necessary to secure the carrying Lt.-Gov. in out of the agreement to be made between the Government Council. of Canada, the Government of the Province of New Brunswick and the Government of the Province of Quebec.

Provisions applicable.

10. In other respects, the provisions of this act shall apply, except where inconsistent with the provisions of the agreement to be made, to the construction, upkeep, maintenance, repair, administration and operation of the said interprovincial bridge, and to the fixing of the tariff of tolls.

DIVISION IV

General Provisions

Contributions by municipal corporations.

11. The municipal corporations are authorized to contribute towards the construction, upkeep, maintenance, operation and administration of any bridge built by the Government under the provisions of this act, whether such bridge is situated within or outside of the territory of the municipality.

How made.

Such contribution shall be made out of the general funds of the municipality or by means of a loan, by by-law submitted to the electors according to the law governing same respecting the approval of by-laws.

Coming into force.

12. This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction.