



CHAPTER 4

An Act respecting the construction of a bridge over Gaspé Bay

[Assented to, the 4th of April, 1930]

HIS MAJESTY, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of Quebec, enacts as follows:

1. To aid in the construction of a bridge over Gaspé Bay between the municipality of the village of Gaspé and the place called Gaspé Harbour, in the county of Gaspé, the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may authorize the Minister of Public Works and Labour to enter into a contract, upon the conditions hereinafter mentioned, with any company which will undertake the construction of such bridge.

Contract for
bridge over
Gaspé Bay,
authorized.

2. Such contract shall provide:

a. That the cost of construction, upkeep, operation and maintenance of such bridge and that of the work for the approaches, and of the acquiring of the necessary land, shall be borne by the company, party to the said contract;

Provisions
of contract:
Cost, how
borne;

b. That, for any loan contracted by the company for purposes in connection with the construction of the said bridge and its approaches, a yearly sinking-fund shall be provided, sufficient to repay the loan in a period of not less than twenty nor more than forty years, and that the said sinking-fund shall be deposited, each year, with the Provincial Treasurer to be dealt with as are the sinking-funds of loans by municipal corporations;

Sinking-
fund;

c. That the construction plans of the said bridge and of its approaches, after their approval by the Federal Government, shall be submitted to the Minister of Public Works and Labour and approved by him;

Approval of
plans;

- Time limit; *d.* For the completion of the work within a specified time;
- Maintenance; *e.* For the manner in which the bridge shall be kept and maintained;
- Tolls; *f.* For the imposing of tolls according to a tariff approved by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council;
- Payment of certain deficit by Government; *g.* That, in the event of the monies from the tolls established as aforesaid not being sufficient to meet each year at their maturity the sums of money required to pay the annual operating and maintenance charges of the said bridge, interest on any loan for the purpose of constructing the said bridge and its approaches, and the sinking-fund of such loan, the Government undertake to pay seventy-five per cent of the said annual deficit to the company, party to the said contract, as long as any such deficit may exist.
- Rate of interest; If the rate of interest paid by the company on a loan is higher than six per cent per annum, the said rate of interest shall be reduced to six per cent for the purposes of the application of the present paragraph;
- Redemption by Government; *h.* That, at any time after the expiration of ten years from the date of the completion of the work of building the said bridge, the Government of the Province may redeem such bridge from the company having built it by reimbursing such company, out of the consolidated revenue fund, all sums spent for the cost of land, construction, approaches and other necessary incidental expenses, with, in addition, a premium of ten per cent of the total amount of such expenses;
- Other conditions; *i.* For any other conditions, not contrary to those above stated, which the Minister of Public Works and Labour may deem useful or necessary for the carrying out of the provisions of this act, provided such conditions be approved by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council;
- Inspection of books, etc. *j.* That the books, papers and other documents, as well as the accounts of the company, party to the said contract, be subject at all times to the inspection of the Minister of Public Works and Labour or of any other person authorized therefor by him.
- Mode of payment by Government. **3.** The sums which the Government may be called upon to pay under paragraph *g* of section 2 shall be paid to the persons entitled thereto by the Provincial Treasurer, out of the consolidated revenue fund, upon certificates of the Minister of Public Works and Labour, stating that the conditions of the contract have been observed to date, and specifying the amount due.

4. The company, party to the above-mentioned contract, is authorized to acquire, by agreement or by expropriation, all immoveables required for the construction of the said bridge and its approaches, as well as all immovable rights, charges, leases for occupation and emphyteutic leases, constituted rents, or any other rights whatsoever affecting such immoveables. Acquisitions authorized.

Every such expropriation shall be subject to the Quebec Railway Act (Revised Statutes, 1925, chapter 230). Provisions applicable.

5. This act shall come into force on the date which it may please the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to fix by proclamation. Coming into force.