



CHAPTER 2

An Act to provide for the construction of a road for vehicular traffic over the Quebec Bridge

[Assented to, the 1st of April, 1927]

WHEREAS it is in the interest of the cities of Quebec Preamble.
and Levis, of the neighbouring counties and of the whole Province to construct a road for vehicular traffic over the Quebec Bridge connecting the north and south shores of the St. Lawrence;

Whereas, to assure the construction of such road it is necessary to have the aid of the Province and of the city of Quebec, and of all other governments or public corporations which are willing to join with them;

Whereas such bridge will be a toll-bridge, the annual revenues wherefrom cannot fail to increase, but, at the start, it is necessary to provide for the sums required for the construction, maintenance, operation and administration of the said road and of its approaches;

Whereas the realization of such object requires the formation of a corporation having the necessary powers;

Whereas it is expedient to provide for the payment of the contributory share of the Government of this Province and of the city of Quebec, and of all the other governments or public corporations which may join them;

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

1. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may authorize Corporation the issuing of letters patent under the Great Seal of the Province for the purpose of forming a corporation composed of five members, designated in accordance with section 2, for the objects hereinafter mentioned. formed by letters patent.

2. The members of the corporation shall be named Appoint-

ment of members. jointly by Order of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council and by resolution of the council of the city of Quebec.

President. The corporation shall elect a president from among its members.

Administration. **3.** The affairs of the corporation shall be administered by its members, three of whom shall form a quorum.

Dismissal of members. **4.** Any member of the corporation may be dismissed for cause jointly by an Order of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council and by resolution of the council of the city of Quebec.

Vacancies cannot dissolve. **5.** The corporation shall not be dissolved by one or more vacancies among its members or by the disappearance of all its members.

Filling of vacancies. **6.** In case of the vacancy of one or more or of all the members of the corporation, such vacancies shall be filled in the manner in which the appointment of the original members of the corporation was made.

Remuneration. **7.** The corporation shall fix the remuneration of each of its officers and employees, subject to the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council and of the council of the city of Quebec.

Rules, etc. **8.** The corporation may adopt and alter, from time to time, rules for its government and the conduct of its affairs.

Provisions applicable. **9.** As to the rest, the corporation shall be governed by the provisions of the Civil Code respecting corporations.

Object of the corporation. **10.** Subject to the consent of the competent authorities and the observance of the Dominion and Provincial laws in this connection, the object of the corporation shall be to construct, maintain, repair, operate and administer a road for vehicular traffic over the Quebec Bridge connecting the north and south shores of the St. Lawrence, as well as the approaches and roads giving access to the said bridge.

Contracts. **11.** The corporation is authorized to make the contracts necessary for the purposes of this act, with all persons, corporations or companies, being owners, administrators or lessees of the said bridge.

Plans and specifications. **12.** The plans and specifications of the road and of its approaches and of the necessary incidental work must be

approved by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, upon the recommendation of the Minister of Public Works and Labour, and of the corporation of the city of Quebec set forth in a resolution of its council, without prejudice to any obligation prescribed by the terms of the contracts to be passed in accordance with section 11 of this act.

13. For the purposes aforesaid, the corporation is authorized, by means of debentures or otherwise, to contract one or more loans for a total amount of not more than four hundred thousand dollars, repayable in a period not to exceed forty years and at a rate of interest of not more than five per cent payable yearly or half-yearly. Loans.

14. The proceeds of such loan or loans shall be used for paying the cost of the construction, maintenance, repair, operation and administration of the said road and approaches, and that of the acquisition of the necessary property, and for the payment of the remuneration of the members of the corporation and of its employees, and of all other expenditure which the corporation may incur in the exercise of its powers. Idem.

15. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may authorize the Minister of Public Works and Labour to enter into a contract, for and in the name of the Government of this Province, with the corporation and any other persons having rights in the said bridge, to provide for the guaranteeing of the above-mentioned debentures to the extent of a sum not to exceed two hundred thousand dollars, and to oblige the said Government to pay yearly, for forty years, the interest and amortization on such sum of two hundred thousand dollars, subject to the condition that the payments be diminished in proportion to the revenues derived from the said bridge. Guarantee.

16. The city of Quebec is likewise authorized, upon a mere by-law of its municipal council without other formality, to oblige itself for a like amount and in the same manner as the Provincial Government, and to enter into, in this connection, jointly with the Government, a contract with the corporation and all other persons having rights in the said bridge. Idem.

17. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council and the city of Quebec may order the insertion in any contract of other conditions not inconsistent with this act, of a nature to assure the construction of the road for vehicular traffic Insertion of conditions in contract.

and its approaches, its maintenance, repair, operation and administration, and, at the same time, to better protect the Province and city with respect to the obligations which they may assume under this act.

Contributions.

18. If another government or public corporation contribute a share jointly with the Provincial Government and the city of Quebec, the share of these latter shall be reduced accordingly, and the Lieutenant-Governor in Council is hereby authorized to give and grant them every authorization to this effect.

Tolls.

19. The said bridge and road shall be subject to tolls in accordance with the tariff approved by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council and by the corporation of the city of Quebec.

Tariff.

Such tariff shall come into force only after its publication in the *Quebec Official Gazette*, and it may be amended in the same manner.

Condition of payment of share.

20. Every contract made under section 11 of this act shall contain a stipulation to the effect that the Province and the city of Quebec shall be held to pay the annual sums, above mentioned, only while the rates of the tariff of tolls provided for in the preceding section are in force, until such time as the debentures have been entirely redeemed.

Collection of tolls.

21. Such tolls shall be collected by the corporation.

Payment of contributions.

22. The contributions contemplated by section 15 shall be paid to the corporation by the Provincial Treasurer out of the consolidated revenue fund, upon the certificate of the Minister of Public Works and Labour, stating that the conditions of the contract have been observed and specifying the amount due.

Idem.

23. The contributions above stipulated shall likewise be paid by the treasurer of the city of Quebec upon the certificate of the Minister of Public Works and Labour aforesaid.

Coming into force.

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