



CHAPTER 79

An Act respecting the ferry between Quebec and Levis

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

WHEREAS the Levis Ferry, Limited, has, by its petition, represented: Preamble.

That, under by-law No. 55 of the city of Quebec, it obtained an exclusive privilege for the period of fifteen years from the 1st of May, 1925, to operate a passenger ferry service between the city of Quebec and the city of Levis;

That, under such by-law and the contracts entered into to give it effect, it is bound from the twenty-fifth of April to the twenty-fifth of November, to have one of its boats leave Quebec and Levis simultaneously, every quarter of an hour, for the transportation of freight and passengers, from five o'clock in the morning until eleven o'clock at night, and to effect a crossing every quarter of an hour with a single boat, from eleven o'clock at night until one o'clock in the morning.

That in order to meet commercial requirements and the constant increase in vehicular traffic between Quebec and Levis, it has, with the consent of the joint committee of the city of Quebec and city of Levis, governing the passenger ferry service between the two places, had larger and more efficient boats built than those prescribed by the said by-law of the city of Quebec.

That, in view of the size of these boats, the difficulty of mooring and the increased traffic, it is now practically impossible for it to give the public the quarter hour service stipulated in the above-mentioned by-law;

That, consequently, it has been authorized by the mayor of Quebec and the mayor of Levis to give a ferry service every twenty minutes only instead of every quarter of an hour;

That the joint committee appointed by the city of Quebec and city of Levis to regulate and supervise the ferry

service between Quebec and Levis cannot agree respecting the settlement of the present difficulties;

Whereas it is fitting for the Legislature of Quebec to intervene and provide for the settlement of such difficulties by referring the solution thereof to the Quebec Public Service Commission, and it is expedient to grant in part the prayer contained in the said petition;

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

Hours of
service be-
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Levis.

1. The city of Quebec, the city of Levis or the Levis Ferry, Limited, may submit to the Quebec Public Service Commission all questions relating to hours of service between Quebec and Levis, from the 25th of April, inclusively, to the 25th of November, inclusively, and the said Commission shall have exclusive jurisdiction to fix and determine the said hours, in the interest of the travelling public and of the public, independently of any contracts that may exist.

Coming into
force.

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