



CHAPTER 2

An Act respecting the building of a bridge between Montreal and Longueuil

[Assented to, the 24th of March, 1926]

WHEREAS it is in the interests of the city of Montreal, Preamble.
of Montreal district and of the whole Province that a bridge be built connecting the city of Montreal with the south shore of the River St. Lawrence, at Longueuil;

Whereas, by the act of the Parliament of Canada, 14-15 George V, chapter 58, the corporation of The Harbour Commissioners of Montreal was authorized to construct such bridge and was vested with certain rights and powers therefor;

Whereas such authorization, rights and powers must, insofar as the rights and jurisdiction of the Legislature of this Province are concerned, be authorized by the provincial authority;

Whereas the corporation of The Harbour Commissioners of Montreal has declared itself ready to build such bridge;

Whereas in order to secure the erection of the said bridge it is necessary to have the concurrence of the Province, of the city of Montreal and of the corporation of The Harbour Commissioners of Montreal;

Whereas the city of Montreal and the corporation of The Harbour Commissioners of Montreal are each prepared to contribute a third towards the erection and maintenance of such bridge, provided that the Province itself contributes the other third;

Whereas the probable cost of the said bridge will be about ten million dollars, and the annual charges would be as follows:

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| Interest at four and a half per cent on \$10,- 000,000.00 | \$ 450,000.00 |
| Sinking-fund of one per cent for forty years | 100,000.00 |
| Maintenance | 50,000.00 |

Making a total of.....\$ 600,000.00;

Whereas the bridge will be a toll-bridge, and the estimated yearly revenue will be about two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, leaving a balance of three hundred and fifty thousand dollars to be provided by the Province, the city of Montreal and the corporation of The Harbour Commissioners of Montreal, one-third by each, that is to say one hundred and sixteen thousand, six hundred and sixty-six dollars and sixty-six cents;

Whereas, however, with the development of Montreal and of the region, the yearly revenues must increase, but, at the start, it is necessary to provide for the unforeseen, and an amount of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars per annum, payable respectively by the Province, the city of Montreal and the corporation of The Harbour Commissioners of Montreal may be necessary;

Whereas it is expedient to grant to the corporation of The Harbour Commissioners of Montreal the requisite authorization and powers for the erection and maintenance of the bridge; and

Whereas it is expedient to provide for the payment of the share of the Government of this Province;

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

Authoriza-
tion for
bridge bet-
ween Mont-
real and
Longueuil.

1. The authorization granted to the corporation of The Harbour Commissioners of Montreal to erect, possess, maintain, manage, operate and use a bridge between the city of Montreal and the town of Longueuil, as well as the other rights and powers given to this end by the act of the Parliament of Canada, 14-15 George V, chapter 58, are, insofar as the rights of the Province and the jurisdiction of the Legislature are concerned, confirmed and ratified, provided that such of the rights and powers as appertain to the Legislative authority of this Province be exercised in conformity with its laws and according to the procedure prescribed thereby.

Minister of
Public
Works and
Labour au-
thorized to
enter into
contract.

2. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may authorize the Minister of Public Works and Labour to enter into, for and in the name of the Government of this Province, a contract with the corporation of The Harbour Commissioners of Montreal and the city of Montreal, to provide for the erection, maintenance and operation of a bridge, over the River St. Lawrence between the city of Montreal and the town of Longueuil.

Contribu-
tion by

3. To secure the erection, maintenance and operation of the said bridge, the Government may provide, by the

said contract, for the contribution by the Province of a Provincial sum of not more than one hundred and fifty thousand dollars per annum during a period of forty years, such annual amount, however, to be reduced in proportion to the revenues derived from the said bridge.

4. The plans and specifications of the said bridge shall be submitted to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council and must receive his approval. Plans, etc. to be submitted to Lt.-Gov. in C.

5. It shall be stipulated in the above-mentioned contract that the Province shall not be bound for the payment of the said annual sum, except insofar as the bridge shall remain a toll-bridge throughout the full duration of the contract, that the tariff of tolls shall be approved by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council and that it shall not be amended without his authorization. Stipulations in contract.

6. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may order the insertion in the said contract of any other conditions, not inconsistent with this act, which may assure the erection of the bridge, its maintenance and operation, and at the same time better protect and secure the Province for the obligations assumed by it under this act. Power of Lt.-Gov. in C. to amend contract.

7. The contributions, stipulated above, shall be paid to the party entitled thereto by the Provincial Treasurer, out of the consolidated revenue fund, upon certificate of the Minister of Public Works and Labour declaring the conditions of the contract to have been complied with up to that date and specifying the amount due. Payment of contributions.

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

