

5. All disputes between the corporations of the said counties in connection with the maintenance, repairing and regulating of the said bridge, shall be decided, failing an agreement, by the engineer of the Department of Public Works and Labour of the Province, whose decision shall be final. Decision of disputes.

6. The said bridge shall be a free bridge, and no tolls shall be charged thereon. Bridge free.

7. The towns of Longueuil, St. Lambert, Montreal-South, Greenfield Park and Marieville, situate in the said two counties, and all other cities or towns which may be incorporated in the said two counties, shall likewise contribute, in proportion to their municipal valuation, to the cost of maintenance of the said bridge, by paying to the council of the county in which they are situated, their contributory share determined by the council of the county in which they are respectively situated. Certain towns to contribute.

The mayors of the said cities or towns shall be entitled to sit in the council of the county to which the said cities or towns respectively belong, and shall there have a voice in the discussions relating to the bridge. Mayors to sit in county council.

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

C H A P . 8

An Act to provide for the building of a bridge over the Nicolet river on the site of the old wooden bridge between the town and the parish of Nicolet, and of a bridge on the river Gatineau, opposite Pointe-à-Gatineau.

[Assented to 5th March, 1915]

WHEREAS it is in the public interest that a free iron bridge be built to connect both banks of the Nicolet river between the town and the parish of Nicolet; Preamble.

Whereas it is also in the public interest that a free iron bridge be built on the river Gatineau, opposite Pointe-à-Gatineau;

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

1. The Government of the Province, or the two municipalities hereinafter mentioned, may build a free iron bridge Authorization to build bridge.

Expropriations. between the town and the parish of Nicolet, on the site of the old bridge belonging to the company, with all necessary approaches, abutments and works, and, if necessary, acquire by expropriation all land required for such purposes. The work shall be under the control of the Minister of Public Works and Labour. All expropriations for the purposes of this act shall be subject to the Quebec Railway Act, *mutatis mutandis*.

Cost of bridge. **2.** The cost of the said bridge and its approaches, abutments and other works shall not exceed \$95,200.00.

Government may pay \$60,000. **3.** To assure the building of the said bridge the Government of the Province may pay, out of the consolidated revenue fund, a sum not exceeding \$60,000.00, in three yearly payments of \$20,000.00 each, provided the corporation of the town of Nicolet and that of the parish of St. Jean Baptiste de Nicolet pay the balance.

Town of Nicolet and Parish of Nicolet to pay the balance. **4.** The town of Nicolet is authorized to and shall contribute to the amount of one-half of such balance, and the corporation of the parish of St. Jean Baptiste de Nicolet is authorized to and shall contribute to the amount of the other half of such balance for the building of the said bridge, and they may, by mere resolution of their councils, exercise the powers conferred on them by this article.

Loans authorized. **5.** In order to effect the payment of their respective contributions, the municipal councils of the town of Nicolet and of the parish of St. Jean Baptiste de Nicolet are vested with all the necessary powers for making by-laws for loans by the issue of bonds or debentures or otherwise, without other formality than the approval of such by-laws by the majority of the members present forming a quorum of each of such councils.

Over and above limits of borrowing power. The borrowing power granted by this section shall be construed as authorizing one or more loans exceeding the limits fixed by the acts governing the said corporations.

Bridge to belong jointly to Town and Parish. **6.** The bridge built on the site of the old bridge belonging to the company, between the town and the parish of Nicolet, with its approaches, abutments and all its accessories, shall, when finished, belong jointly to the town of Nicolet and to the parish of St. Jean Baptiste de Nicolet, and they shall provide for its maintenance.

Cost of maintenance to be in common. The cost of the maintenance of such bridge and its approaches shall be in common, and at the charge of the said corporations jointly. The work of maintenance shall, however, be done by the corporation of the town of Nico-

let, which shall pay for the same; but the corporation of the said parish of Nicolet shall be bound to repay to the town of Nicolet one-half the amount actually paid by the latter for the cost of such work, when an account thereof is presented. How work shall be done.

7. The town of Nicolet and the corporation of the parish of St. Jean Baptiste de Nicolet are authorized to adopt, by a resolution of their councils at a joint meeting, all the necessary by-laws for the government, maintenance and free use of the bridge, and to impose fines upon those who infringe the said by-laws. By-laws to be adopted at joint meeting of councils.

Such by-laws shall be subject to the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, and shall come into force only eight days after their publication in the *Quebec Official Gazette*. Coming into force of by-laws.

8. All disputed questions between the town of Nicolet and the corporation of the parish of St. Jean Baptiste de Nicolet, with reference to the maintenance, repairing and regulating of the said bridge, shall be decided, in default of agreement between them, by the engineer of the Department of Public Works and Labour, whose decision shall be final. Decision of disputes.

9. The said corporations shall be bound to maintain the said bridge in good order, in accordance with the instructions they may receive from the Department of Public Works and Labour. Bridge to be kept in good order.

10. The said bridge shall be free, and no tolls shall be charged thereon. Bridge to be free.

11. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council is authorized to enter into all contracts, agreements or stipulations necessary for the carrying out of this act, with the municipal corporations and other interested parties. Lt.-Gov. in C. authorized to enter into contracts.

12. The town of Nicolet, and the corporation of the parish of St. Jean Baptiste de Nicolet, are also authorized to enter into all contracts with the Government of the Province that may be necessary for carrying out this act, and they may, by mere resolution of their councils, delegate one of the members of their respective councils to sign all such contracts on their behalf. Town and parish also authorized to enter into contracts.

13. The said bridge may be opened to the public from the publication in the *Quebec Official Gazette* of a notice Opening of bridge.

stating that it is finished to the satisfaction of the Department of Public Works and Labour.

Bridge at
Pointe-au-
Gatineau.

14. The Government of the Province may also contribute a sum of not more than \$42,500.00, payable out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the province, in three equal annual payments, to aid in the construction of an iron bridge on the river Gatineau, opposite Pointe-à-Gatineau, on such conditions as the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may determine.

Cost.

The total cost of such bridge shall not exceed \$85,000.00.

Coming into
force.

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

CHAP. 9

An Act to provide for the construction and maintenance of an iron bridge, free to traffic, over the Richelieu river, between the towns of St. Johns and Iberville.

[Assented to 5th March, 1915]

Preamble.

WHEREAS, by the acts 1 George V (1st session) chapter 65, and 4 George V, chapter 2, the Government of the Province of Quebec and the towns of St. Johns and Iberville have been authorized to construct a bridge over the Richelieu river, between the two said towns; and

Whereas, owing to unforeseen reasons, it has been impossible to construct the said bridge under the above mentioned acts; and

Whereas the construction of the said bridge is absolutely necessary to connect the two banks of the Richelieu river, between the said towns of St. Johns and Iberville; and

Whereas by deed passed the 16th of November, 1914, before T. Brassard, notary, under the number 4175 of his minutes, the Government of the Province of Quebec, the town of St. Johns, the town of Iberville, and Messrs Laurin & Leitch have entered into a contract providing for the construction of the said bridge, in the manner and according to the conditions therein set forth, which contract is to form part of this act as schedule A; and

Whereas it has been agreed by the said contract that the same shall be subject to ratification by the Provincial Legislature at the present session; and

Whereas it is necessary to ratify the said contract, and to