

tue of this act are exempt from taxation, and shall be held in trust for the Government exclusively.

Commis-
sioners not
liable to
certain
actions.
Suits against
Commission.

18. The members of the commission shall not be liable to be sued for acts done, carried out or omitted in the performance of their duties under this act.

The commission can be sued only with the consent of the Attorney-General.

Reports to
L.-G. in C.

19. The commission shall within the first fifteen days of each session, make a report to the Legislative Assembly of the work done under its control during the year next preceding.

Rules by
L.-G. in C.

20. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may make, amend or repeal such regulations as he thinks necessary to carry out this act and as he thinks proper to make to provide for cases which may arise and for which no special provision has been made.

1 Geo. V.,
(1910), c. 5,
s. 3, am.

21. Section 3 of the act 1 George V (1st session) chapter 5, is amended by replacing the words "the next" in the fourth line by the word "each".

Coming into
force.

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

[CHAP. 7

An Act to provide for the the abolition of toll-bridges at St. Hyacinthe.

[Assented to 21st December 1912]

Preamble.

WHEREAS there are at St. Hyacinthe over the river Yamaska three toll-bridges called the "Barsalou Bridge", the "Morison Bridge", and the "Bridge of the Société du passage de pont neuf de St. Hyacinthe."

Whereas the tolls levied on these bridges are high and are a hindrance to commerce, industry, agriculture and free travel in this part of the Province;

Whereas the municipalities of the village of St. Joseph, of the parish of Notre-Dame of St. Hyacinthe, of the village of La Providence and of the city of St. Hyacinthe have declared themselves ready to contribute to the cost of rebuilding and maintaining the said bridges as well as to the cost of redeeming the right to collect tolls;

Whereas it is in the public interest to make the said bridges free and exempt from tolls;

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

1. From and after the date fixed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council by proclamation to that effect, the bridges called the "Barsalou bridge," the "Morison bridge," and the "Bridge of La Société de passage du pont neuf de St. Hyacinthe" over the river Yamaska, at St. Hyacinthe, shall be free and exempt from tolls, but, such proclamation shall not be issued until it has been proved to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council that the majority of the shareholders of *La Société de Passage du Pont Neuf*, present or represented at a meeting, have approved the resolution of the 25th October, 1912, or the transfer of the bridge upon the conditions mentioned in this act; ten days' notice to be given by registered letter of such meeting which shall be called by the president or secretary.

Certain toll-bridges declared free. &c.

2. Out of the funds for the building of iron bridges, and out of the fund created by the act 2 George V, chapter 2, the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may order the payment of the sum of sixty thousand dollars to assist the municipalities interested to repair and rebuild the said bridges and to redeem the rights of toll thereon on the conditions fixed by him.

Grant of sums to assist in redeeming tolls &c.

3. The municipalities hereinafter mentioned shall contribute as follows to the aggregate amount required to redeem the said rights of toll and to repair and rebuild the said bridges, after deducting the sum of sixty thousand dollars payable by the Province:

Contribution by municipal ities interested.

The City of St. Hyacinthe.....	50 per cent.
The Village of St. Joseph.....	15 per cent.
The Village of La Providence.....	25 per cent.
The parish of Notre-Dame of St. Hyacinthe	10 per cent.

4. The expenses of maintaining and rebuilding the said bridges in the future, and all damages in case of accident shall also be wholly paid by the said municipalities in the above proportion.

Expenses of maintenance, &c.

5. The said bridges shall be rebuilt or repaired without delay according to the plans and specifications of the engineer of the Department of Public Works and Labour and under his direction, and shall be maintained in future as he may order.

Rebuilding of bridges, &c.

6. The said bridges shall be the joint property of the said four municipalities in the proportion above mentioned, but the city of St. Hyacinthe is alone charged with the building, rebuilding,

Ownership of bridges.

management and supervision thereof. The said city shall do all the work of maintenance, and, at the end of each year, shall recover from each municipality interested its share thereof, which share shall be paid within two months following the receipt of a statement of account thereof.

Compensation to owners, &c.

7. The compensation to be paid to the proprietors of the Barsalou and Morison bridges, and of the rights of toll thereon, or to their hypothecary or other creditors, or to the holders of bonds, debentures or other securities issued by such proprietors shall be fixed by the Quebec Public Utilities Commission.

Loans by municipalities.

8. The municipalities interested are authorized to borrow by by-law passed in accordance with the usual formalities, but which shall not be subject to the approval of the electors who are proprietors, at a rate of interest not exceeding five per cent per annum, the sums required to abolish the said tolls, as provided by this act,

Provisions applicable.

9. Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, and 16 of the act 2 George V, chapter 2, shall apply to this act *mutatis mutandis*.

Certain resolutions ratified, &c.

10. The resolutions passed by the municipal council of the village of St. Joseph, on the 4th day of November, 1912; by the municipal council of the parish of Notre-Dame de St-Hyacinthe, the 4th day of November 1912; by the municipal council of the village of La Providence, on the 4th day of November 1912; and by the municipal council of the city of St Hyacinthe on the 4th day of November 1912, for the abolition of the said tolls, are declared valid and legal and shall not be repealed or amended without the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council

Certain tolls abolished, &c.

11. No tolls shall hereafter be established on the said bridges which shall be free.

Coming into force.

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