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An Act to amend the act respecting the toll-bridge over the Bécancour river, near the church of the parish of Bécancour

[Assented to 23rd March, 1900]

WHEREAS Antonio Achille Leduc, Jules Romain Dubé Preamble.
and H. Desilets, of Bécancour, have, by their petition, represented :

That they are the owners of the bridge authorized by the act 46 Victoria, chapter 60 ;

That, in the year 1896, the bridge was carried away by freshets ; that notice to rebuild it was, in 1898, given to the petitioners by the competent officer and, in accordance with the act above-mentioned, such rebuilding must be completed within two years from the date of the notice ;

That a metal bridge alone can resist the pressure of the water at that place at certain seasons of the year ; but that the rise in the price of the materials required for a bridge of that nature would render the execution of the work too costly at present ;

That the bridge was and will be very useful, and it would be in the interest of the district wherein it will be situated to extend the delay for rebuilding it ;

Whereas the petitioners have prayed that an act be passed to that effect, and it is expedient to grant their prayer ;

Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows :

46 V., c. 60, s. 9, replaced. **1.** Section 9 of the act 46 Victoria, chapter 60, is replaced by the following :

Parish of Bécancour not responsible for certain damages.

“**9.** The corporation of the parish of Bécancour shall in nowise be responsible for damages that may happen to persons, vehicles or animals passing on the proposed bridge, which shall be maintained in good order and condition, and if, on complaint of not less than ten persons, addressed to the council of the municipality of the parish of Bécancour, it is ascertained that the said bridge is dangerous, the said Léon Montplaisir or his representatives shall thereupon be bound to make it fit for passage and safe as soon as notice of the said complaint shall have been given to them by the said council, on penalty of a fine of not less than five and not more than ten dollars.

Penalty for not keeping bridge in repair.

Bridge to be rebuilt before certain date.

Considering that the said Léon Montplaisir's bridge no longer exists, the representatives of the said Léon Montplaisir, to wit: the company called: *Le pont de Montplaisir et compagnie*, shall be bound to renew and complete the same before the 2nd April, 1902 ; on the expiration of the said delay, the company called : *Le pont de Montplaisir et compagnie*, shall *ipso facto* forfeit its privilege and all its rights under this act or any previous act, if the said bridge be not then rebuilt and open to public traffic.

Corporation to keep up ferry in mean time.

During the interval while the said bridge is being renewed and repaired, the corporation of the parish of Bécancour shall be obliged to keep or cause to be kept a ferry by means of a scow or canoes and shall, for its own use and benefit, levy the same toll as on the bridge at the place where the crossing is.

Payment by corporation to owners of bridge, if rebuilt within time fixed.

If the said bridge be rebuilt within the aforesaid delay, the corporation of the parish of Bécancour shall be bound to pay to the company called *Le pont de Montplaisir et compagnie* the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars per annum to wit: five hundred dollars, as representing the net revenue of the said ferry during the aforesaid two years.

Subsequent repairs, &c.

If, after the rebuilding or repair of the said bridge under the provisions of this act, the bridge shall become unfit for passage, either through accident or other cause, the company *Le pont de Montplaisir et compagnie*, or its representatives shall be bound to renew and repair it, each time, within the two years from the date at which the said bridge becomes unfit for passage, on penalty of the loss of all rights and privileges so granted. During the interval, while the

said bridge is being renewed, the company shall be obliged Ferry to be to keep or cause to be kept a ferry by means of a scow or kept during canoes, at the same rates as charged on the bridge at the bridge, &c. place where the crossing is."

2. This act shall come into force on the day of its sanc- Coming into
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