

ditions be such that no pecuniary loss be suffered by the province.

Such municipalities or companies may then possess and enjoy the said bridge and rebuild it when necessary. Power of purchasers.

4. The corporation of the town of St. John's, and any other town or county corporation of the district of Iberville, or several of them together, which shall enter into arrangements with the Government respecting the purchase of the said bridge and its dependencies as aforesaid, are hereby authorized to make such purchase and to borrow the funds necessary to pay the purchase price thereof and the costs of all repairs required to place the said bridge in good order, or to rebuild it, any law to the contrary, notwithstanding. Corporations acquiring bridge may borrow money to pay therefor.

5. The loan shall be effected under a by-law of the municipal council or municipal councils interested, and such by-law shall be approved by two-thirds in number and value, according to the valuation roll, of the freehold electors, voting thereon, and shall be confirmed by the Lieutenant-Governor in council, after its approval. Loan to be effected by by-law.

6. The method of voting upon such by-law shall be that prescribed by the Municipal Code. Method of voting upon by-law.

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

CAP. LXXVIII.

An Act to incorporate "The St. Leonard Bridge Company," and to authorize it to levy tolls on a bridge which it has constructed on the Nicolet river, near the village of the parish of St. Leonard, in the county of Nicolet.

[Assented to 10th June, 1884.]

WHEREAS the Reverend Henri E. Julien, parish priest of St. Leonard, Reverend Michel E. Jannelle, parish priest of Ste. Perpétue, M. Adolphe Daveluy, merchant, of St. Wenceslas, Francis Bourgeois, of St. Cyrille de Wendover, Edmond Béliveau, merchant, of St. Leonard, Evariste Courtois, Ludger Desilets, Etienne Chartier, Grégoire Béliveau, Luc Bergeron, Joseph Bergeron, Lude Béliveau, of the parish of St. Leonard, and several others of the said parish, in the county of Nicolet, have, by petition, represented that they have built a bridge over the Nicolet river, Preamble.

at the village of the parish of St. Leonard, county of Nicolet, which is a great benefit to the said parish and neighboring parishes in the said county, and for the other counties which adjoin that of Nicolet; and whereas they have prayed to be incorporated as a company, with power to levy tolls on such bridge, and to be granted certain privileges; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows:

- Name of company.** **1. (*)** The company shall be called "The St. Leonard Bridge Company."
- Head office.** Its head office shall be in the village of the parish of St. Leonard, in the county of Nicolet.
- Capital.** **2.** The capital of the said company is four thousand dollars, divided into shares of one hundred dollars each.
- Shares.** The said capital may be doubled, if necessary, but if it be doubled it shall only be by the majority of the votes of the shareholders.
- Increase of capital.**
- Instalments on capital.** **3.** Two instalments of five per cent. each shall be paid in every year, one on the first of February and the other on the first of August, until the debt contracted for the building of the bridge shall have been paid off.
- Board of management.** **4.** All the affairs of the company shall be managed by a board of directors, composed of five members elected by the shareholders on the fifteenth of December in each year.
- Company to keep bridge in good order. Penalty if bridge become dangerous.** **5.** The Company shall be bound to keep the bridge in good order, and if it should become dangerous, then upon a complaint by not less than ten persons addressed to the municipal council of the parish of St. Leonard, the said company shall be bound to make it suitable for the safe passage of persons, vehicles, loads and cattle, under penalty of a fine of ten dollars for every day that it shall neglect so to do after being notified of such complaint, which fine shall be recoverable by the corporation of the said parish for its own benefit; and if after examination and inspection by the government engineer the bridge shall be condemned the said company shall be bound to replace it within two years from the date of the service upon it of a notice that the bridge has been condemned by the said engineer, under pain of forfeiting all the rights granted to it by this act.
- Bridge to be rebuilt within a certain time if condemned.**
- Penalty for neglect.**

(*) See next chapter replacing this section.

Every reconstruction shall be decided by the majority of the shareholders; but during such two years the said company shall have the right to make use of other means of crossing over passengers, cattle, vehicles and loads, but at the same rates of toll as hereinafter set forth together with the rights and privileges granted them by this act.

Reconstruction how decided upon.
Power of the company to use other means of crossing during repairs.

6. So long as the bridge shall continue fit for traffic, no person or company other than "The St. Leonard Bridge Company," shall build or cause to be built any bridge or bridges, nor use as a ferry, any boat or vessel of any kind for the purpose of crossing any person, animal, or vehicles or articles whatsoever by leasing such boats or otherwise, within a distance of three miles above and below the bridge built by the said company; and if any person or company establishes a crossing of any kind or has the river crossed within the limits aforesaid, it shall pay to the said company for each person, animal, vehicle or article it shall cross for hire or gain, treble the amount of the tolls imposed by this act, and every person, company or corporation, infringing the present section, shall be further liable to a fine not exceeding the sum of ten dollars for each person, vehicle or animal so crossed; and the aforesaid privileges shall continue during a period of fifty years.

Prohibition so long as bridge is safe against other persons building bridge, &c.
Or crossing persons, &c. over river, within certain distance of bridge.
Penalty.
Duration of privilege.

7. So soon as the said bridge shall have been approved of by the government engineer, public notice of such approval shall be immediately given by the said engineer by posting of a copy of such notice upon the principal door of the church of the parish of St. Leonard and by having the same read in a loud voice on the following Sunday at the close of Divine service, and it shall be then be lawful for the said company to demand, exact, receive and take for its own use and benefit, as toll and duty, before allowing the bridge to be crossed, the following various amounts to wit:

Notice of approval of bridge by government engineer how given.
Tolls to be exacted and received for crossing over bridge.

For every vehicle drawn by two animals .	\$0 15	Rate.
" " one animal....	0 10	
For each additional animal.....	0 05	
For every horse and its rider.....	0 05	
For every foot passenger.....	0 02	
For every animal not in harness.....	0 02	

8. Every person, forcing his way through the toll-gate or passing on or over the said bridge without paying the tolls authorized to be levied, or otherwise evading the payment thereof, or driving a vehicle at a faster rate than a walk, shall incur, for each offence, a penalty not exceeding two dollars.

Penalty for not paying tolls.

Municipality may purchase bridge. **9.** The municipality may, at any time after the expiration of ten years from the passing of the present act, buy the said bridge in order to make it a free bridge, according to the valuation by arbitrators made in the usual manner.

Suits where brought. **10.** Every prosecution for infringement of this act may be taken before any Circuit Court of the district of Three Rivers or before any justice of the peace of the same district.

43-44 V., c. 30, to apply. **11.** The act for the protection of toll-bridges in this province, 43-44 Victoria, chapter 30, shall apply to the said bridge.

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

CAP. LXXIX.

An Act to amend an act of the present session intituled: "An Act to incorporate 'The St. Leonard Bridge Company,' and to authorize it to levy tolls on a bridge which it has constructed on the Nicolet river, near the village of the parish of St. Leonard, in the county of Nicolet."

[Assented to 10th June, 1884.]

Preamble. **W**HEREAS an omission has occurred in the first section of the act of the present session intituled: "An Act to incorporate 'The St. Leonard Bridge Company,' and to authorize it to levy tolls on a bridge which it has constructed on the Nicolet river, near the village of the parish of St. Leonard, in the county of Nicolet;" and whereas it is expedient to rectify such omission; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows:

47 V., c. 78, s. 1, replaced. **1** The said act is amended by repealing the first section thereof and replacing it by the following:

Persons incorporated. "1. The following persons, namely, the Reverend Henri E. Julien, parish priest of St. Leonard, Reverend Michel E. Jannelle, parish priest of Ste. Perpétue, M. Adolphe Daveluy, merchant, of St. Wenceslas, Francis Bourgeois, of St. Cyrille de Wendover, Edmond Béliveau, merchant, of St. Leonard, Evariste Courtois, Ludger Desilets, Etienne Chartier, Grégoire Béliveau, Luc Bergeron, Jos. Bergeron, Lude Béliveau, of the parish of St. Leonard, in the county of Nicolet, and such others who shall become members, are