

hereby constituted a body politic and corporate under the name of 'The St. Leonard Bridge Company.'

The chief office of the company shall be in the village of the parish of St. Leonard, in the county of Nicolet."

Name.

Head office.

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

Coming into force.

CAP. LXXX.

An Act to authorize Joseph Morissette, of the parish of Ste. Marie, in the county of Beauce, to construct a toll-bridge over the River Chaudière.

[Assented to 10th June, 1884.]

WHEREAS the construction of a permanent toll-bridge over the river Chaudière, in the parish of Ste. Marie, in the county of Beauce, would greatly tend to facilitate the intercourse of the inhabitants of the said parish and of the neighboring parishes, to promote trade and progress, and would be a great advantage to the parish of St. Sylvester, in the county of Lotbinière; and whereas Joseph Morissette, of Ste. Marie, has by petition prayed to be authorized to construct such a toll-bridge in the said parish and it is expedient to grant his prayer; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows:

Preamble.

1. The said Joseph Morissette is authorized to erect and construct, at his own cost and expense, a toll-bridge over the Chaudière River, in the parish of Ste. Marie, near the church of the said parish and to erect and construct a toll-house and toll-gate for the use of such bridge, with dependencies and approaches, and for that purpose to acquire and possess the necessary grounds and roads.

Toll-bridge over Chaudière authorized.

2. The space between the piers shall not be less than one hundred feet, and the height of the arches of the bridge shall be at least thirty-four feet.

Details of construction.

3. When the said bridge shall have been built, and it shall be built within three years from the sanctioning of this act, under penalty of forfeiture of all rights hereby conferred, and shall have been approved by the government engineer, public notice of such approval shall at once be given by such engineer, by causing a copy of such notice to be posted on the main door of the church of the parish of

Bridge to be built within three years and approved.

Notice of approval before tolls can be exacted.

Ste. Marie, and causing it to be read aloud on the Sunday following at the close of Divine service in the morning, and it shall then be lawful for the said Joseph Morissette or his assigns to demand and exact, for passage over the said bridge, the following tolls, to wit :

Tariff of tolls.	For every vehicle drawn by two horses.....	\$0 20
	For every four-wheeled vehicle drawn by one horse or two oxen.....	0 10
	For every two-wheeled vehicle, cariole, sleigh or sledge drawn by one horse or other animal.....	0 08
	For a horse not in harness.....	0 04
	For every horse and his rider	0 05
	For every head of horned cattle, sheep or pig.....	0 02
	For every foot passenger	0 01

Persons prohibited from using other means of crossing for hire. ^{4.} As soon as the said bridge shall be open for the use of the public and so long as it shall be suitable for traffic, no person or company shall erect or cause to be erected, any bridge or bridges, nor use any vessel or boat for the carrying of any person, vehicle, cattle, material, merchandise or goods whatever, for hire or gain, across the said river, within the distance of three miles above and three miles below the said bridge; and for every infringement of this provision, the offender shall be obliged to pay to the said Joseph Morissette or his assigns treble the tolls mentioned in the preceding section for every person, animal or vehicle so crossed over; and the offender shall also be liable to a fine of not more than ten dollars for each such infringement; provided always that nothing in this act contained shall prevent crossing the said river within the aforesaid limits upon the ice in winter or by fording, or in canoes or other craft without payment.

Penalty.

Proviso.

Exemptions from tolls. Provided always that no toll shall be charged or collected from pupils going to or returning from school, from persons on foot going to or returning from divine service on Sundays and holidays of obligation, ministers of the gospel, funerals and persons in vehicles or on foot following the same.

Penalty on persons evading, &c., toll. ^{5.} Every person passing forcibly through the said toll-gate, or over or upon the said bridge, without paying the toll exigible, or otherwise evading the payment of the said tolls, or driving horses over the same faster than a walk, shall incur a penalty, for each offence, not exceeding ten dollars.

6. The said Joseph Morissette and his assigns shall be bound to keep the said bridge in good order and condition, and if it should become dangerous, then upon a complaint in writing by not less than ten persons addressed to the municipal council of the parish of Ste. Marie, the said Joseph Morissette and his assigns 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 he 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. In default of the corporation recovering such penalty, it may be recovered by any person of full age of majority enjoying civil rights, and in such case one-half of the penalty shall belong to the prosecutor and the other half shall be paid to the Provincial Treasurer.

Bridge to be kept in good order. proceedings if not so.

Penalty if bridge not repaired after notification.

Who may sue therefor.

7. If, after examination and inspection by the government engineer, the bridge shall be condemned, the said Joseph Morissette shall be bound to replace it, within two years from the date of the service upon him of a notice that the bridge has been condemned by the said engineer, under pain of forfeiting all the rights granted to him by this act; but during such two years the said Joseph Morissette shall have the right to make use of other means of crossing over passengers, cattle, vehicles, and loads, at the same rates of toll as above set forth, together with the rights and privileges granted him by this act.

If bridge be condemned, it must be renewed within two years.

Penalty if not renewed. Temporary means of crossing and tolls during repairs.

8. The act to protect toll-bridges in this Province, 43-44 Victoria, chapter 30, shall apply to the said bridge, in so far as it is not inconsistent with this act.

43-44 V. c. 30 to apply to bridge.

9. All prosecutions for infringement of this act may be instituted before the Circuit Court of the District of Beauce, or before any justice of the peace for the said district.

Suits before whom brought.

10. The privilege conferred by this act shall last during thirty years.

Duration of privilege.

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

Coming into force.