

holder, all directors and other officers of the company, making the same or in any wise assenting thereto, shall be jointly and severally liable to the company for the amount of such loan and also to third parties, to the extent of such loan with legal interest, for all debts of the company, contracted from the time of the making of such loan to that of the repayment thereof.

Directors  
elected under  
the letters  
patent re-  
main in office  
and by-laws  
&c., to remain  
in force.

§4. The directors, elected under the letters patent incorporating the company, shall remain in office until the next election of directors between the first day of December and the thirty first day of December, and any by-law, resolution or regulation adopted under the said Letters patent shall remain in force until repealed or until new by-laws, resolutions and regulations shall be adopted.

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#### C A P . L V I I I .

An Act to authorize Laurent Gagnon of the parish of Ste. Henedine to exact certain tolls upon a bridge which he has built on the River Etchemin, in the parish and near the church of Ste. Claire, in the county of Dorchester, and for other purposes.

[Assented to 30th March, 1883.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS Laurent Gagnon, contractor, of the parish of Ste. Henedine, in the county of Dorchester, did, during the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy two build a bridge on the River Etchemin, near the church of the parish of Ste. Claire, in the county of Dorchester, and has since then, to wit, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty, repaired and rebuilt such bridge out of his own monies and at great expense and, with the consent of the general public, has maintained and continues to maintain such bridge in good order and has by his petition represented that it is in the interest of the public in general that the bridge be maintained at the place aforesaid, and such result cannot be obtained unless he be permitted to levy the tolls hereinafter mentioned for passing over such bridge, and unless the privilege of crossing the said river be given him for thirty years to the exclusion of all other bridges or means of crossing for gain or hire within a distance on the said river of one league above and one league below the bridge ; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows :

1. Eight days after the sanctioning of this act, it shall be lawful for the said Laurent Gagnon to demand, receive, and take for his own use and benefit, by himself or by other persons on his behalf, under the name of toll or duty, before any passage over such bridge shall be permitted, the several sums following that is to say :

For every vehicle drawn by two horses..	\$ 0 10
For every vehicle drawn by one horse....	0 05
For every vehicle drawn by two oxen.....	0 08
For every additional horse.....	0 03
For every person on horseback.....	0 03
For every horse.....	0 02
For every ox and head of horned cattle...	0 01
For every sheep or pig.....	0 01
For every foot passenger.....	0 01

2. As soon as the bridge is open for public use, as aforesaid, no person shall erect or cause to be erected any bridge or bridges or other works, nor use or cause to be used any means of passage for carrying any person, vehicle or cattle for gain or hire, across the said river, within the distance of one league above and one league below the bridge, which distance shall be measured on the banks of the river, following the windings thereof ; and any person or persons who shall construct a toll bridge or bridges or cause to be used any other means of passage for crossing over, for gain or hire, any person, vehicle or cattle within such limits, shall pay to the said Laurent Gagnon treble the tolls hereby imposed for all persons, cattle and vehicles which shall pass over such bridge or bridges ; and any person or persons who shall, at any time, for gain or hire, cross any persons, animals or vehicles over the said river within the above mentioned limits, shall incur a fine, not exceeding ten dollars, for every person, animal or vehicle so crossed over ;

Provided that nothing in this act contained shall be construed to prevent persons, vehicles, cattle or loads from crossing the river by fording or on the ice, in canoes or other boats, within such limits, without payment.

3. The said Laurent Gagnon shall be bound to keep the bridge in good order and condition ; and if it should become dangerous, upon the complaint of not less than ten persons made to the municipal council of the parish of Ste. Claire, the said Laurent Gagnon shall be bound to make it suitable for the safe passage of persons, vehicles and cattle under penalty of a fine of ten dollars for every day that he shall neglect so to do, after eight days notice ;

Bridge to be replaced if condemned.

which fine shall be recoverable by the corporation of the parish to the council of which the complaint was addressed, for its own benefit. And if, after being examined and inspected by the government engineer, the bridge is condemned, the said Laurent Gagnon 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 and privileges granted him by this act. But during such two years, the said Laurent Gagnon shall have the right to make use of other means to cross passengers, animals, cattle and loads over the river at the same rates of toll as above set forth, together with the other rights and privileges granted him by this act.

43-44 Vic. c. 30 to apply.

4. The act to protect toll-bridges in this Province, 43-44 Victoria, chapter 30, shall apply to the bridge which is the subject of this act.

Prosecutions before whom brought.

5. All prosecutions for infringement of this act may be taken before the Circuit Court of the District of Beauce or before any Justice of the Peace for the said district.

Certain vested rights preserved.

6. Nevertheless the vested rights of the *curé* of the parish and the representatives of the late Jean Côté, under a deed of sale from Charles Morin and others to Laurent Gagnon, passed before Maître François Rouleau, at Ste. Claire, on the 21st December, 1871, if they have any such rights, are hereby specially reserved.

Municipality may acquire bridge.

7. The municipality may, at any time after the expiration of ten years from the passing of this act, purchase the bridge in order to make it a free bridge, according to the award of arbitrators made in the usual manner.

Act in force.

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

## CAP. LIX.

An Act to authorize Onézime Latulippe, of the parish of St. Francis, in the county of Beauce, to construct a toll-bridge over the River Chaudière.

[Assented to 30th March, 1883.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS the construction of a permanent toll-bridge over the river Chaudière, in the parish of St. Francis,