

8. The said Onézime Latulippe shall erect and complete the bridge within two years from the date of the passing of this act, and if it be not finished within such delay so as to afford the public a safe and convenient passage over the bridge, the rights and privileges conferred upon him by this act shall lapse. Bridge to be built within certain time.

9. For the purpose of building such bridge, the said Onézime Latulippe shall have all the powers of expropriation conferred upon railway companies by the Quebec Consolidated Railway act, 1880, and the proceedings shall be the same with respect to the expropriation of the grounds required for the approaches to the said bridge, as with respect to the passage of vehicles and passengers over any island situate in the said river Chaudière or the banks thereof, but such ground shall not exceed in width that of an ordinary road. Certain powers given to Latulippe for purpose of building bridge.

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. Act in force.

CAP. LX.

An act to authorize Léon Montplaisir, of the Parish of St. Léonard, in the County of Nicolet, to erect a toll-bridge on the river Bécancourt, near the church of the Parish of Bécancourt, in the County of Nicolet, and to exact certain tolls on the said bridge.

[Assented to 20th March, 1883.]

WHEREAS the building of a toll-bridge on the river Bécancourt, near the church of the Parish of Bécancourt, in the county of Nicolet, would greatly tend to promote the welfare and to facilitate the trade and the progress of the county in general, and would be of very great advantage to the means of communication between the municipalities of the upper part of the county, thirteen in number, the inhabitants whereof have to cross the said river to go to Bécancourt, the *chef-lieu* of the county; and whereas Léon Montplaisir, carpenter and carriage-maker, of the Parish of St. Léonard, has, by petition, prayed to be authorized to construct such a bridge, and it is expedient to grant his prayer; Preamble.

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

Montplaisir
authorized to
build bridge
over Bécancourt.

1. The said Léon Montplaisir is authorized to build a toll-bridge, on the river Bécancourt, in the said parish of Bécancourt, near the church, and to erect a toll-house and a toll-gate, within the next three years, under pain of forfeiting all the rights and privileges granted to the said Léon Montplaisir under this act.

Tolls to be
levied for
crossing over
bridge.

2. The said Léon Montplaisir and his representatives, as proprietors, lessors or occupants of the proposed bridge, cannot at any time exact or cause to be paid lesser or higher rates of toll than those now levied, for the bridge already built on the said river Bécancourt, in the said parish of Bécancourt, and belonging to the corporation of the said parish; provided that all the inhabitants of this municipality residing on the west side of the said river, if at present under agreement for the existing ferry and those on the east side of the said river, at present under agreement for the existing ferry shall have the right and may make similar agreements to pass over the proposed bridge, with reference to the property they now occupy themselves or their representatives hereafter, with their families, either on foot or in vehicles.

Proviso.

And such persons as do not agree with the proprietor of the proposed bridge, as to the amount to be paid annually for their commutation, shall have the right or privilege of paying only half the rates established by the tariff hereinafter mentioned; but if one or more properties, now possessed or occupied by one proprietor or occupant alone is divided or subdivided, the right to the commutation above mentioned, shall not be extended to the new, but to the former alone of the proprietors of such subdivisions, unless the proprietor or proprietors of the said proposed bridge shall agree to grant such privileges.

Privileges of
parish of
Bécancourt.

3. The said corporation of the parish of Bécancourt shall continue to enjoy all its present privileges and rights as to its bridge and to the reconstruction of the same, and the establishment of a ferry in the place of the same; but on the other hand, it shall not exact lesser rates of tolls than its present tariff; but it may, if it deems it advisable, continue the existing agreements subject to the above stipulated conditions which regard the division and subdivision of the properties now under agreement.

Exemptions
from toll.

4. The following persons shall be exempt from paying for passing on foot or in vehicles on the said proposed bridge; all persons going to and from divine service at their ordinary place of worship on Sundays and *fêtes d'obligation*, from 7 o'clock in the forenoon up to one hour after vespers;

members of the clergy; children going to and from school or attending religious instruction; mayors of the municipalities of the said county, attending meetings of the County Council; and the officers and directors of the agricultural society of the said county, attending their meetings; provided the secretary-treasurers of the said County Council and of the Agricultural Society, shall give to the said Léon Montplaisir a list of the names of all the said mayors, officers and directors. The privilege hereinabove granted shall apply only for the purposes mentioned in this section.

5. So soon as the said bridge shall have been approved of by the government engineer, and he shall have reported the said bridge safe and fit for crossing persons, vehicles and animals, and that a public notice of thirty days of such approval by such engineer has been given, the same having been read in a loud voice, at the door of the church of the parish of Bécancourt, on a Sunday at the close of divine service, it shall be lawful for the said Léon Montplaisir, to exact and receive for his own use and profit, before allowing such crossing upon the said bridge, the following rates of toll:

Notice of approval of bridge to be given before tolls can be exacted.

For every vehicle drawn by one horse or any other animal, five cents.....	\$00 05
For each additional horse or animal with such vehicle, three cents.....	\$00 03
Provided that the said cart or vehicle shall not be loaded with more than 3,000 pounds, each additional 1,000 pounds paying one cent.....	\$00 01
For every horse, ox, cow or other horned cattle, one cent	\$00 01
For every sheep, pig or calf, half a cent...	00 0½
For every person on foot, one cent	00 01

6. 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, oxen or other horned cattle over the same faster than a walk, shall incur a penalty, for each offence, not exceeding ten dollars.

Penalty for evading toll.

7. So soon as the bridge shall be opened to the use of the public, the present ferry shall be abolished, and no person, company, or corporation shall build any toll-bridge or bridges, or maintain or cause to be maintained any ferry which exacts tolls for crossing the said river;

After opening of bridge, no other means of crossing to be used.

and any person or persons who shall build any toll-bridge or toll-bridges, or who shall keep or cause to be kept any ferry which exacts tolls for crossing the said river, within the limits hereinafter mentioned, shall pay to the said Léon Montplaisir three times the amount of the tolls imposed by this act, for the persons, vehicles or animals, which shall so pass over such bridge or ferry which exacts tolls; and every person, company or corporation contravening this section shall incur a penalty of ten dollars for each person, vehicle or animal, which shall have so crossed.

Penalty for using other means of crossing.

Duration of privilege.

8. The exclusive privileges granted by this act, shall be for a period of seventy five years, and shall extend from a point four miles above the mills of H. E. Hall, Esq., to a point four arpents above the present bridge belonging to the corporation of the parish of Bécancourt. But there shall never be, in any case, more than one bridge or ferry from a point four arpents above the present bridge to the mouth of the river Bécancourt.

Parish of Bécancourt not responsible for damages to persons crossing bridge.

9. The corporation of the Parish of Bécancourt shall in no case be responsible for damages occurring to persons, vehicles or animals passing on the said proposed bridge, which shall be kept in good order and condition; and if upon complaint of not less than ten persons, made to the council of the municipality of the parish of Bécancourt, it is established that the said bridge is in a dangerous state, the said Léon Montplaisir or his representatives shall, upon notice of the said complaint, served on him or them by the said council, be bound to make it passable and safe, under a penalty of not less than five nor more than ten dollars; and if, after an investigation and inspection by the government engineer, the said bridge is declared dangerous, the said Léon Montplaisir or his representatives, shall be bound to rebuild it within two years from the notice given by the said engineer, under pain of forfeiting all the rights and privileges granted by this act. During the rebuilding or repairing of the said bridge, the said Léon Montplaisir shall be obliged to keep or cause to be kept a ferry by means of scows or canoes, and charge the same rates as on the bridge at the place of the crossing.

Penalty for not keeping bridge in repair.
Bridge to be rebuilt if condemned.

Privileges of owner whilst rebuilding bridge.

Montplaisir may take partners.

10. The said Léon Montplaisir shall have the right to take partners.

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

11. The act to protect toll-bridges in this Province, 43-44 Vict., ch. 30, shall apply to the bridge which forms the subject of this act.

12. All suits for infringement of the present act may be instituted before the Circuit Court for the District of Three Rivers, or before any justice of the peace for the same district. Suits for infringing this act, where brought.

13. This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction. Act in force.

C A P. L X I.

An Act to incorporate "The Chapter of the Cathedral of Saint-Germain of Rimouski."

[Assented to 30th March, 1883.]

WHEREAS the very reverend Edmond Langevin, Preamble. provost, vicar general, and the reverend Louis Desjardins, Jean-Baptiste Blanchet, Pierre Charles Alphonse Winter, Martial Richard Bilodeau, Désiré Vézina, Charles Alphonse Carbonneau, penitentiary, Louis Jacques Langis, theologian, Pierre Joseph Saucier and Pierre Audet, all Roman Catholic priests of the diocese of Saint-Germain of Rimouski, and resident therein, have, by their petition to the Legislature of the Province of Quebec, represented that, by an apostolic brief issued on the sixteenth of July, eighteen hundred and fifty-two, and by an episcopal mandate given on the eighth of December, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, the Chapter of the cathedral of Saint-Germain of Rimouski, was regularly and canonically erected, and all and each of them have been called to form part of the said Chapter, and for that purpose elected, appointed and instituted Titulary Canons of the cathedral of Saint-Germain of Rimouski, with all the usual rights and privileges of cathedral Chapters established in the Roman Catholic church; whereas the said Chapter, so as regularly and efficiently to fulfil the material conditions of its existence and to secure the necessary revenues to permit of the establishment of canonical prebends, under the provisions of ecclesiastical law, and to have perfect civil autonomy, without prejudice, however, to episcopal jurisdiction, have prayed that the powers of a corporation, holding civil and political rights, be granted to them; and also whereas in view of the advantages that must arise therefrom, 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:

1. The petitioners, who are all, at present, members of the Chapter of the cathedral of Saint-Germain of Rimouski, Certain persons incorporated.