

across said river and creek, under the conditions contained in this section; he shall also have this privilege before the tenth day of May in each year, so soon as the drive of logs, belonging to the owners of mills below, have passed.

"Walton's crossing" not to be interfered with.

Proviso.

4. It is further enacted and provided that, whereas there is now established a ferry, crossing said River St. Francis, at a point called "Walton's crossing," within the limits hereinbefore mentioned, the free passage of said ferry shall not be interfered with by said booms; and provided also that should the construction of a bridge be authorized over the river in the locality that the said Jean Cyrille Bédard shall have no right to claim and recover damages by reason of such construction.

## C A P . C V I .

An Act to incorporate the Drummondville Bridge Company.

[Assented to 27th May, 1882.]

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS Robert McDougall, William Mitchell, David McDougall and William John Watts, all of the village of Drummondville, in the county of Drummond, and David Mitchell, of the township of Simpson, in the said county, have, by their petition, represented that there is a large amount of traffic between the village of Drummondville, aforesaid, and the municipality of the townships of Wendover and Simpson, in the said county, across the river St. Francis, and that it would be greatly to the advantage of the said village and the neighboring townships and parishes in the said county, and to those of the other counties in the vicinity, if a bridge was built for traffic at the village of Drummondville, across the said river, and have prayed to be incorporated into a company for that purpose; and whereas it is expedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows:

Certain persons incorporated.

Name of corporation.  
Principal office and general powers.

1. The persons, hereinabove mentioned, and all others who may hereafter become shareholders, are constituted a corporation, by the name of the "Drummondville Bridge Company." The head office of the company shall be in the village of Drummondville, and the company shall have power to acquire and hold real estate for the purpose of

building and maintaining such bridge, provided the total value thereof shall not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars. Powers to hold real estate limited.

2. The stock of the said company shall be fifteen thousand dollars, divided into shares of one hundred dollars each. Capital stock.

3. The said Robert McDougall, William Mitchell, and William John Watts, shall be the provisional directors of the company, and shall hold office as such, until the first election of directors; and they shall have power to open stock books and procure subscriptions of stock for the undertaking, and to receive payments on account of stock subscribed, to deposit in any bank monies received by them on account of the same, and to do such other things relative to the subscription and management of the affairs of the company and its organization, which may be requisite to do, before the first general meeting of the stockholders for the election of directors as hereinafter mentioned. Two shall form a quorum. Provisional directors. Subscription books. Quorum of board.

4. So soon as ten thousand dollars of the capital stock shall have been subscribed and one thousand dollars actually paid in, the provisional directors shall call a meeting, at Drummondville aforesaid, for the purpose of proceeding to the election of directors of the company; such election shall then and there be made by the holders of the majority of shares voted upon at such meeting and present thereat, in person or by proxy, and the persons then and there chosen shall be the first directors and shall hold office until the election of their successors at the annual election of directors, at or after the first annual meeting of the company. Election of first board.

5. The affairs of the company shall be managed by a board of three directors; but no person shall be elected or chosen a director, unless he be a shareholder to the extent of at least five shares in his own right. Board of directors. Qualification of directors.

6. The subsequent directors of the company, elected by the shareholders at a general meeting of the company, shall assume office at such time and in such manner and for such term as by the by-laws of the company may be prescribed. Entry into office of directors, &c.

7. The company shall have the right to build and maintain a bridge over the river St. Francis, between the village of Drummondville aforesaid and the municipality of the Company may build, &c., bridge over St. Francis;

And toll-house and acquire lands therefor.

townships of Wendover and Simpson, and any bridge which may be hereafter built in renewal of the same, and to build and maintain a toll-house for the use of the said bridge; and to acquire and hold land on each side of the said river which may be necessary for the abutments and toll house and for by-roads from the adjacent highways to the said bridge.

Exclusive privilege given to company, &c., for bridge over such river.

8. After the said bridge is open to the public, and while it remains fit for traffic, no person and no company other than the "Drummondville Bridge Company" shall construct or cause to be constructed any bridge or bridges, or shall use, as a ferry, any boat or vessel of any kind, for the purpose of conveying any persons, animals, vehicles or articles whatsoever, by hiring or obtaining the boats or vessels aforesaid, across the said river for hire, for a distance of three miles on each side of the said bridge, constructed or to be constructed by the said company, and if any person constructs or establishes a ferry of any kind or causes any ferrying to be done across the said river, within the limits aforesaid, he shall pay to the company, for each person, animal, vehicle or article that he shall convey across for hire or reward, three times the amount of the tolls imposed by this act; and any person guilty of a contravention of this section shall be liable to a penalty of ten dollars for each and every such contravention.

X Duration of privilege.

The exclusive privilege given by this section shall only continue for and during the period of thirty years.

Company may exact tolls.

9. The company shall have the right to erect a toll-gate or bar, and exact, for passing over the said bridge, tolls not exceeding the following rates, to wit:

Tariff.

For every person on foot.....	\$0 02
For every vehicle, drawn by one horse or animal.....	0 10
For every vehicle, drawn by two horses or animals.....	0 15
For every additional animal.....	0 05
For every horse and rider.....	0 05
For every animal.....	0 03

Penalty for passing, without paying tolls.

And any 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 cattle over the same faster than at a walk, shall incur a penalty, for each offence not exceeding ten dollars.

Capital may be increased.

10. The company shall have the right to increase their capital to such amount, not exceeding twenty five thousand

dollars, as may be authorized by the shareholders at a special meeting called for the purpose ; which resolution shall be approved by the shareholders representing the majority of the stock of the said company.

**11.** The municipal corporations in the county of Drummond are hereby severally authorized, by a by-law of their respective councils, to subscribe and grant a bonus to the company, and to appropriate monies for the payment thereof, and the said councils may respectively levy any monies required therefor or effect loans or issue debentures to pay for the said loans, without its being necessary to publish any such by-law in any newspaper. Such by-law, however, to be submitted to the municipal electors. Certain corporations may subscribe.

**12.** The capital stock of the said company, if the same shall be increased, shall be called in and be payable at such time and place, and upon such notice and in such manner as shall be fixed by a by-law of the company. Payment of increased capital.

**13.** The company shall have the right to borrow any sum or sums as shall be authorized by the shareholders at a special meeting duly called for that purpose, and to hypothecate their said bridge and other real property, or to pledge the revenues and tolls thereof, as security for the repayment of any such loans. The instrument or deed, by which any such loans shall be effected, shall be registered in the registry office for the county of Drummond ; and in any suit for the recovery of such sums or any portion thereof, it shall not be necessary for the creditor to allege or prove such authorization, or such meeting or any act preliminary to the effecting of the loan ; and every loan effected by the company shall be held to be good and valid, unless proceedings to set aside the same shall be taken, at the instance of a shareholder or ordinary creditor of the company, within three months from the date when the same shall have been registered as aforesaid. Company may borrow money and hypothecate bridge &c. Registration of deed.

**14.** The company shall have all the powers of expropriation conferred upon railway companies by "The Quebec Consolidated Railway Act, 1880," and the like procedure shall apply, in respect of all such property as the said company shall require for the approaches to the said bridge from the main highways in the village of Drummondville and in the municipality of the townships of Wendover and Simpson, to widen, straighten or improve such approaches. Powers of expropriation granted to company.

**15.** The penalties, imposed by this act, shall be recovered Recovery of penalties.

with costs before any district magistrate or justice of the peace, in and for the district of Arthabaska, on prosecution brought by the company, within three months from the date when the offence was committed. In default of payment of the fine and costs, within fifteen days from the rendering of the judgment, the person condemned may be imprisoned for any term not exceeding thirty days, unless the fine and costs be sooner paid.

31 Viet., cap.  
25 to apply.

**16.** The Joint Stock Companies' General Clauses Act shall be incorporated with this act, and all clauses of the same shall apply to the company, in so far as they are not inconsistent with or opposed to the provisions of this act.

Act. not to in-  
terfere with  
rights of cer-  
tain railways.

**17.** Nothing in this act contained shall be construed to prevent the South Eastern Railway Company or the Lake Champlain and St. Lawrence Junction Railway Company, from building a bridge over the river St. Francis, at any suitable point which they may select, for the crossing of locomotives and railway cars only.

Term for com-  
mencement  
and comple-  
tion of bridge.

**18.** The construction of the bridge, authorized by this act, shall be commenced in one year and terminated in three years.

Act in force.

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

## C A P . C V I I .

An Act to authorize Jean-Baptiste Roy and others, of the parish of St. Francis, in the district of Montmagny, to erect a bridge on the Rivière du Sud, in the said parish, and for other purposes.

[Assented to 27th May, 1882.]

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS Jean Baptiste Roy, esquire, merchant, Maximien Gagnon, Dominique Gagnon, senior, Prudent Boulet, Eucher Laliberté and others, all of the parish of St. Francis, district of Montmagny, have represented that it is in the interest of the general public that the old bridge on the Rivière du Sud be rebuilt, at the spot where it has always existed, in the said parish of St. Francis; whereas the persons above-mentioned have prayed for an act of incorporation for that purpose; whereas the petitioners cannot build the said bridge, unless they be permitted to levy thereon the tolls