

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.

WHEREAS 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

mentioned in section 20 of this act, and unless the right of crossing the said river for payment, to the exclusion of all other bridges and other kinds of ferries upon the said river, be granted to them between ten acres above and ten acres below the proposed bridge; Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows:

1. The said Jean Baptiste Roy, Maximien Gagnon, Dominique Gagnon, Prudent Boulet, Eucher Laliberté, with such other persons as may become shareholders, as hereinafter mentioned, are hereby constituted a legal corporation, under the name of "The St. Francis de Mont-
Certain persons incorporated.
Name of corporation.
2. The said corporation may construct a bridge on and over the said Rivière du Sud in the parish of St. Francis, at or near the site of that hitherto in use and, for that purpose, acquire by mutual consent, all works and materials already made and prepared by the said shareholders. It may also acquire and possess the lands necessary for the construction of the said bridge and its approaches.
Power to bridge build in the parish of St. Francis;
And to acquire lands for that purpose.
3. The capital shall be five thousand dollars, divided into five hundred shares of ten dollars each, and may, from time to time, be increased by a vote of the shareholders, representing two-thirds of the capital, at a meeting called for that purpose, to the extent of double the present amount.
Capital stock of the company.
4. The company may begin work as soon as half its capital shall be subscribed and ten per cent of the said capital paid up.
Commencement of operations.
5. The persons, named above and incorporated, shall be the provisional directors; they shall open a subscription book and shall do all necessary acts of administration.
Provisional directors.
6. When the said company shall be in a position to begin work, they shall call a meeting of shareholders for the election of directors, who shall be five in number and shall be elected yearly, but they shall remain in office until their successors be appointed.
Meeting for the election of directors.
Duration of office.
7. Except in so far as the same may be contrary to this act or to law, the board of directors shall administer the affairs of the company and shall make such by-laws as they may think proper, for the calling up of instalments, the payment thereof, the confiscation of shares in default of
Powers of board.

payment of calls, the convening and holding of meetings of the shareholders and for general purposes of management; these by-laws may be amended or replaced by others.

Bridge, &c.,
under control
of directors.

8. The board of directors shall have control of the building of the bridge and its repairs, if need be, and shall decide all matters relating to such works.

Method of
calling first
meeting for
election of
directors.

9. The first meeting for the election of directors shall be called by a notice, read aloud at the door of the parish church, at the issue of Divine service in the morning on a Sunday, four days at least before that fixed for the meeting.

Rebuilding of
bridge.

10. Everything connected with the rebuilding of the bridge shall be decided upon by the shareholders.

Right to vote.

11. Each share shall entitle the holder to one vote at all meetings of the shareholders.

Time limited
for organiza-
tion of com-
pany, &c., and
building of
bridge.
Proviso if con-
ditions not
fulfilled.

12. The organization of the company and the payment of the capital mentioned in section four, shall be made within two months; the building of the bridge shall be begun within three months and it shall be completed within ten months. In the event of the company failing to fulfil one of these conditions, the powers and privileges, granted to it by the present act, shall cease.

No other
bridges &c., to
be built &c.,
under penal-
ty.

13. No person shall erect or cause to be erected any bridge or use any kind of ferry for the carrying of persons, vehicles or animals over the said river, within the limits aforesaid, and every infringement of the present provision shall render the offender liable to pay to the petitioners or their assigns, treble the tolls, mentioned in the said section twenty, for each person, animal or vehicle which shall pass over such bridge or ferry. Provided always that this section shall not apply to persons crossing the river by means of a ford or in a canoe, scow or other vessel, without payment.

Proviso.

Maintenance
of bridge in
order.

14. The company shall be required to keep the said bridge in good order and in a safe and fit condition for the crossing of persons, vehicles and animals, and, on a complaint made by any five persons that it is in a dangerous state, it shall at once be inspected by the government engineer, who shall have power to order such work to be done thereon, as may appear to him to be necessary for public safety, and that the bridge be closed until the work, so ordered, is completed.

15. In the event of the engineer ordering that the bridge be rebuilt, this shall be done within two years from such order, on pain of forfeiting the rights and privileges hereby conferred. Delay to rebuild bridge.

16. If the bridge be closed, in virtue of section fourteen or rebuilt in virtue of section fifteen of this act, the company shall, during such time as it is unable to use the bridge, have the right to make use of other means for crossing persons, vehicles and animals, at the same rates of toll as those above-mentioned, together with all the rights and privileges to them granted by this act for the use of such bridge. Method of crossing while bridge is closed.

17. The act of this province 43-44 Victoria, chapter 30, shall apply to the bridge which is the subject of this act. Application of 43-44 Vict., cap. 30.

18. Eight years from the passing of the present act, it shall be lawful for the municipality of the parish of St. Francis to take possession of the said bridge and its dependencies and to acquire the ownership thereof, by paying to the said company the value that the said bridge shall have at the time of so taking it over, with twenty per cent in addition thereto; and after such taking possession, the said bridge shall be a free bridge and shall be kept in repair as, a free bridge, by the municipality. Power of parish of St. Francis to acquire bridge &c., after certain time, on certain conditions.

19. In the event of the said municipality not acquiring the said bridge, as provided for in the preceding section, the exclusive right and privileges, granted to the said company by this act, shall cease and lapse at the expiration of twenty five years. If bridge not assumed by municipality, privileges under this act to cease in or certain time.

20. When the said bridge shall have been approved of by the government engineer and he shall have reported that the bridge is safe and fit for the crossing of persons, vehicles and animals, then, eight days after public notice of such approval shall be given by such engineer, by posting a copy of the notice upon the main door of the church of the parish of St. Francis and by having the said notice read in a loud voice on a Sunday at the conclusion of Divine service, it shall be lawful for the said company to demand, exact, receive and take for its own use and profit, as toll, before allowing such crossing upon the said bridge, the following sums: Opening of bridge after inspection.

For every four-wheeled vehicle drawn by one horse	0.15	<small>Tolls upon bridge.</small>
For every four-wheeled vehicle drawn by two oxen	0.10	

For every two-wheeled vehicle, cariole, sleigh, sled drawn by one horse.....	0.08
For each additional horse.....	0.05
For a horse and its rider.....	0.06
For every horse.....	0.05
For every ox and head of horned cattle....	0.04
For every sheep or pig.....	0.02
For every person on foot.....	0.02
For every mower, drawn by two horses..	0.10
For every mower, drawn by one horse..	0.08

Act in force. **21.** This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction.

C A P. C V I I I .

An Act to extend the privileges and powers of "The St. Francis Bridge Company."

[Assented to 27th May, 1882]

Preamble.

WHEREAS the St. Francis Bridge Company have, by petition, represented that they are desirous of increasing their capital stock and of obtaining further privileges and powers, and that the said company will thereby be enabled to supply a want greatly needed by the people of the villages of Melbourne and Richmond, and the surrounding townships, and the travelling public generally, and it is expedient to grant the said petition; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows:

Right to maintain bridge and exact tolls.

1. The company shall have the right to maintain the bridge over the river St. Francis, now in course of construction between the villages of Richmond and Melbourne, 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 the 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.

No other bridge to be built.

2. After the said bridge is opened to the public, and while it remains fit for traffic no person and no company other than the said "The St. Francis Bridge Company" shall construct any bridge or shall use any boat or vessel as a ferry for hire, across the said river within the distance of half of one mile north of the said company's bridge, and