

CAP. LXXXIX.

An Act to authorize François Gosselin, of the parish of Sainte-Claire, to exact certain tolls on a bridge, which he has built across the Chaudière River, between the parishes of Sainte-Marie, County of Beauce, and Saint Bernard, County of Dorchester, and for other purposes.

[Assented to 30th June, 1881.]

WHEREAS François Gosselin, contractor, of the parish of Sainte-Claire, County of Dorchester, did, during the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy nine, build a bridge across the Chaudière River, between the parishes of Sainte-Marie, County of Beauce and of Saint Bernard, County of Dorchester, and has, by his petition, represented that it is in the interest of the public to retain such bridge in the above-mentioned place, and that such result cannot be attained, unless he be authorized to exact the tolls hereinafter mentioned for the use of the said bridge, and unless he be granted the right of way, to the exclusion of all other bridges or means of crossing for gain or lucre, during thirty years, for a distance, on the river, of one league above and one league below the said bridge; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows:

1. As soon as the bridge, mentioned in the preamble, shall have been approved by the government engineer, and as soon as he shall have reported that the bridge is proper and suitable for the safe-crossing of foot-passengers, vehicles and animals, then thirty days after public notice of such approval shall have been given by the said engineer, by causing a copy of such notice to be posted up on the main door of the parochial churches of the parishes of St. Marie and St. Bernard, and by causing the notice to be read in a loud and intelligible voice on Sunday at the issue of Divine service, it shall be lawful for the said François Gosselin to ask, demand, receive and take for his own use and benefit, under the name of toll or pontage, before any passage over the said bridge, the several sums following, to wit:

For every four wheeled vehicle, drawn by two horses	\$0.20	Rates of tolls.
For every four wheeled vehicle, drawn by one horse	0.10	
For every four wheeled vehicle, drawn by two oxen	0.10	

For every two wheeled vehicle, cariole or sleigh, drawn by one horse.....	0 08
For every additional horse	0 04
For every horse and rider.....	0 05
For every horse.....	0 04
For every ox and head of horned cattle.....	0 03
For every sheep or pig	0 02
For every foot-passenger.....	0 01

No bridge to
be built by
others.

2. So soon as the bridge shall be open for the use of the public as aforesaid, no person shall erect or cause to be erected, any bridge or bridges or works, or use or cause to be used, any means of passage for the conveyance of any persons, vehicles or cattle, for lucre or gain, across the said river, within the distance of one league above and one league below the bridge, which shall be measured along the banks of the river and following its windings, and any person or persons, who shall build or cause to be built a toll-bridge or toll-bridges, or who shall use or cause to be used for lucre or gain any other means of passage across the said river, for the conveyance of persons, vehicles or cattle, within such limits, shall pay to the said François Gosselin, three times the amount of the tolls imposed by the present act, for the persons, cattle or vehicles, which shall thus pass over such bridge or bridges, and if any person or persons, shall, at any time for lucre or gain, convey across the river any person or persons, cattle or vehicles, within the above-mentioned limits, such offender shall incur a penalty not exceeding ten dollars for each person, animal or vehicle which shall have thus passed the said river; provided always that nothing contained in the present act shall be of a nature to prevent any persons, cattle, vehicles or loads from crossing such river, within the said limits, by a ford, or in a canoe or other vessel, without charge.

Penalty.

Provi-o.

Bridge to be
kept in repair.

3. The said François Gosselin shall be obliged to maintain the bridge in good order and repair; and if it shall become unsafe for travelling, on complaint of ten persons addressed to the municipal corporation of the parish of Sainte Marie or of the parish of Saint Bernard, the said François Gosselin shall be obliged to make the same safe for persons, vehicles, loads or cattle, under a penalty of ten dollars for each day's neglect, after the service of the complaint upon him; which said penalty may be recovered by the corporation of the parish to whose council the complaint is addressed, and for its use; and if, upon examination and inspection by the government engineer, the bridge be condemned, the said François Gosselin shall be obliged to rebuild it within

If bridge con-
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two years from the date of the service upon him of a notice of such condemnation, under penalty of forfeiting all the rights and privileges, granted to him by the present act ; but during the two years the said François Gosselin shall have the right to make use of other means for crossing foot-passengers, cattle, vehicles and loads and charge the same tolls, as above mentioned, with, in addition, the rights and privileges granted him by the present act.

Proviso as to temporary means of crossing and tolls.

4. The Act to protect toll-bridges in this Province, 43-44 V. c. 30, 43-44 Vict., chap 30, shall apply to the bridge which forms the subject of this Act to apply.

5. All suits for infringement of the present act, may be instituted before the circuit court for the district of Beauce, or before any justice of the peace for the same district. Suits where brought.

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

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An Act to authorize David Roy, of the parish of St.-George, in the county of Beauce, to construct a toll-bridge over the River Chaudière

[Assented to 30th June, 1881.]

WHEREAS the construction of a toll-bridge over the river Chaudière, in the parish of St. George, in the county of Beauce, would greatly tend to promote the welfare and to facilitate the intercourse of the inhabitants of the said parish and of the neighbouring parishes, and whereas David Roy, of the said parish of St. George, 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 consent of the Legislature of Quebec enacts as follows :

Preamble.

1 The said David Roy is authorized to erect and construct, at his own cost and expense, a toll-bridge over the River Chaudière, in the Parish of St. George, opposite or near the parish church and to erect and construct a toll-house and toll-gate with dependencies and approaches to the said bridge ; provided that, after the expiration of eight years from the passing of this act, it shall and may be lawful for the municipality of St. George to assume the possession of the said bridge and dependencies, and to ac-

David Roy authorized to build bridge over Chaudière and charge tolls.

Proviso.