

4. None of the provisions of this act shall affect the rights acquired by L. F. Morrisson, Esquire, Advocate, of St. Hyacinthe, as well under and in virtue of the deed passed between him and the *Société de Passage du Pont Neuf de St. Hyacinthe*, on the sixteenth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, before H. A. Blanchard, Notary, as under and in virtue of the act of Quebec, thirty-four Victoria, chapter forty-six, nor the incumbrances on the property of the bridge of the said society created under the said act and statute. Certain rights not affected.

5. All such privileged bonds or debentures and their coupons or interest certificates may be respectively made payable to bearer. Bonds may be payable to bearer.

In such case they shall be transferable by simple delivery and the holder may sue for the recovery thereof in his own name. Transfer thereafter, &c.

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

### C A P . L X X V .

An act to incorporate the town and parish of Nicolet Bridge Company.

[Assented to 21st March, 1889.]

**W**HEREAS the construction of a permanent iron toll-bridge, with stone abutments and piers, over the River Nicolet, at the point hereafter specified, in the county of Nicolet, would greatly facilitate communication between the town and parish of Nicolet and adjacent parishes and promote the trade and prosperity of every locality in the said county generally; Preamble.

Whereas the river over which the said bridge is to be built is non-navigable and forms part of the domain of this Province;

Whereas Messrs. George Ball, mayor of the town of Nicolet, Abraham Beaulac, mayor of the parish of Nicolet, Evariste Lecomte, gentleman, Edmond Houle, justice of the peace, François Hyacinthe St. Germain, gentleman, Zephirin Trudel, justice of the peace, Louis Napoléon Dorminault Houde, merchant, Denis Dubuc, farmer, Yves Proulx, farmer, all of the town and parish of Nicolet, in the county of Nicolet, and other persons, have, by petition, prayed to be authorized to build such a bridge between the town and the parish of Nicolet aforesaid and

to levy tolls on such bridge, and whereas 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 :

Certain persons incorporated.

**1.** George Ball, mayor of the town of Nicolet, Abraham Beaulac, mayor of the parish of Nicolet, Evariste Lecomte, gentleman, Edmond Houle, justice of the peace, François Hyacinthe St. Germain, gentleman, Zéphirin Trudel, justice of the peace, Louis Napoléon Dorminault Houde, merchant, Denis Dubuc, farmer, Yves Proulx, farmer, all of the town and parish of Nicolet, and several others of the same town and parish, whose names appear on the list of shareholders of the company hereinafter mentioned, and all other persons who may hereafter join them, are constituted a corporation, under the name of " The Town and Parish of Nicolet Bridge Company."

Name.

Company authorized to build &c., certain bridge.

**2.** The company is authorized to build and own an iron toll-bridge with stone abutments and piers over the Nicolet River between the town and the parish of Nicolet, on the site of the old bridge in the county of Nicolet ; to erect a toll-house, a toll-gate and other dependencies ; to acquire and possess the land on both sides of the river required for the abutments, approaches, and the house for the toll-collector.

Powers for such purpose.

The company shall have all the necessary powers for assuring the building and maintenance of the bridge and the reconstruction thereof, if necessary, and for the good management of the company.

Distance between piers, &c.  
Height above low water.

**3.** The space between the piers and the abutments of the bridge shall be about one hundred and eighty feet. The height of the bridge shall be from twenty-five to thirty feet above low water level.

No draw-bridge.

There shall be no draw-bridge.

Head office.

**4.** The head office and chief place of business of the company shall be in the town of Nicolet.

Capital stock. Shares.

**5.** The capital stock of the company shall be twenty thousand dollars, divided into two hundred shares of one hundred dollars each.

Increase of capital.

The capital may be increased to the amount of thirty thousand dollars, by a vote of the shareholders representing two-thirds of the said capital, at a special meeting convened for the purpose.

Provisional directors.

**6.** The persons mentioned in the first section of this act shall be the provisional directors of the company.

They shall have power to open stock-books and perform Powers. all necessary acts of administration until the election of directors in accordance with the following section.

**7.** Within the thirty days following the sanction of this act, a meeting of the shareholders shall be called in the manner prescribed by section 13, for the election of the directors, who shall be seven in number. When first meeting to be called for election of directors.

These directors shall constitute the board of management and shall have power to administer all the affairs of the company. Directors to be board of management, &c.

The duration of their office shall be limited to the first Monday of May, one thousand eight hundred and ninety, the date of the subsequent election. Term of office of directors.

**8.** The directors shall be elected by the majority of votes and shall own at least four shares in the company. Election of directors.

**9.** They shall elect one of their number, as president for the current year, by a majority of votes. Election of president.

They shall also appoint a secretary-treasurer, who shall not be one of their number. Secretary treasurer.

**10.** The quorum of the directors shall be four, including the president. Quorum of directors.

**11.** The directors shall meet as may be required. Meetings of directors.

They shall have each one vote, with the exception of the president, who, shall only have a casting vote, when the votes are equal. Voting of directors and president.

**12.** The first meeting of the shareholders shall be convened by a notice signed by at least three of the provisional directors, and sent by registered letter to the various shareholders six days before the date fixed for the meeting. Notice of first meeting how given.

**13.** A general meeting of the shareholders of the company shall be held annually on the first Monday of May, or on the following day, if such Monday be a *dies non*, in the town of Nicolet at the place specified in the notice calling the meeting, for the purpose of electing directors in the place of those whose term of office shall expire and also for expediting the business of the company. Annual general meeting when and where to be held.

Such meeting shall be convened by a notice published and read at the church door at the issue of Divine service on the Sunday immediately preceding such meeting. Publication of notice convening same.

It shall be presided over by a person selected by the majority of the shareholders present. Who to preside over it.

Voting of shareholders.

At all meetings of shareholders, each shareholder shall be entitled to as many votes as he holds shares.

Limit of shares to be held.

**14.** No shareholder shall own more than forty shares.

To whom shares may be sold.

**15.** No shareholder shall sell shares to persons domiciled outside of the town and parish of Nicolet, until he has previously offered them to the other shareholders through the directors.

Bridge to be kept in good order.

**16.** The company shall keep its bridge in good order, in a safe and proper condition for the passage of persons on foot, vehicles and animals.

Subject to inspection.

The bridge shall be subject to inspection by the engineer of the Provincial Government, who shall have power to order the necessary repairs in the interest of public safety.

Bridge, &c., to be free from taxes for certain time.

**17.** The bridge, as well as its dependencies, shall, for ten years after its construction, be free from all municipal, school or other taxes whatsoever.

When tolls may be levied.

**18.** When the bridge shall have been completed and be suitable for the passage of persons, vehicles and animals, and after public notice thereof shall have been given by means of posters, the company may exact and collect the following dues and tolls :

Rates of tolls.

For every vehicle drawn by two animals.	\$0.15
For every additional animal.....	0.05
For every vehicle drawn by one animal...	0.10
For every horse with its rider.....	0.05
For every foot passenger.....	0.02
For every horse or head of horned cattle not in harness.....	0.04
For every calf, sheep, pig.....	0.02

Penalty for avoiding tolls, &c.

**2.** Any person forcibly passing through the said toll-gate or passing over the bridge without paying the tolls exigible, or otherwise avoiding payment of such tolls, or driving a vehicle at a faster pace than a walk shall, for each offence, incur a penalty not exceeding two dollars.

Privilege of company.

**19.** So long as the bridge shall continue fit for traffic, no person or company other than " The Town and Parish of Nicolet Bridge Company " shall build or cause any bridge to be built for the same purposes, nor use as a ferry any boat or other vessel for the purpose of crossing any persons, animals, vehicles or articles whatsoever, by exacting or receiving tolls or by leasing such boats or vessels

within the limits of two miles on each side of the said bridge built by the company.

Every person or company accepting tolls, within the limits aforesaid, shall be bound to pay to the company hereby incorporated treble the amount of the tolls, mentioned in section 18, for each person, animal, vehicle or article so ferried over or caused to be ferried in contravention of this section

Penalty for persons infringing privilege and taking toll.

Every person or company contravening the present section shall be further liable to a fine not exceeding ten dollars for every person, vehicle or animal so ferried over.

Fine on such persons.

**20.** A ferry, with tolls, may be established for the purpose of communicating from the main land to *Ile à la fourche*, to *Ile Morasse*, to *Ile Loyeau* and to the property known as the *Domaine* or *vice-versa*.

Ferry may be established between certain islands, &c.

But the fact of disembarking on such islands and *Domaine* for the purpose of crossing from one bank of the River Nicolet to the other, shall constitute a contravention of the present section, and the offenders shall be obliged to pay to the company the amounts mentioned in the preceding article and shall be liable to the penalty therein set forth.

Proviso.

**21.** The amount of calls on stock which may be made by the directors shall not exceed, in any year, ten per cent of the amount subscribed; unless, however, it be decided otherwise by a vote of two-thirds of the shareholders.

Calls limited.

Exception.

The moneys shall be paid into the hands of the secretary-treasurer at the time and place specified by the directors.

When to be paid.

Article 4672 of the Revised Statutes of the Province of Quebec shall not apply to the company.

R. S. Q., art. 4672 not to apply.

**22.** The board of directors may summarily confiscate, under the provisions of article 4674 of the said Revised Statutes of the Province of Quebec, for the benefit of the company, the shares of such shareholders as have not paid the instalments called up, within thirty days from the date fixed by the directors for such payment.

Confiscation of unpaid shares.

The shareholders, whose shares shall so have been confiscated for non-payment, shall, *ipso facto*, cease to form part of the company; but they shall have the right to claim, as compensation, the reimbursement of one-half of the instalments paid before the said date.

Effect of confiscation as to shareholders.

**23.** In the case of default to pay instalments, as aforesaid, instead of confiscating the shares on which the calls

Suit for unpaid instalments.

are made, the company may, through its president, sue for such instalments with interest, before any court of competent jurisdiction as for any other sum due to it.

Notice to be sent to each shareholder to pay calls.

**24.** No instalment shall be exigible unless the secretary-treasurer has sent by registered mail to each shareholder, a circular under his signature, notifying him of such call and requiring him to pay the instalment asked for within the delay specified by the directors.

Shares may be sold by company.

**25.** The company may, by sale, dispose of the shares which remain without owners either owing to confiscation or as not subscribed for.

Suits before what courts to be brought.

**26.** All suits for the recovery of fines or penalties imposed by this act may be brought before the commissioners' court for the summary trial of small causes for the parish of Saint-Jean-Baptiste de Nicolet, or before any justice of the peace of the town or parish of Nicolet.

R. S. Q., art. 4651 to 4693 to apply.

**27.** The provisions of the joint stock companies' general clauses' act, namely articles 4651 to 4693, both inclusive, of the said Revised Statutes of the Province of Quebec, which are not inconsistent with the present act or are not derogated therefrom, shall apply to "The Town and Parish of Nicolet Bridge Company."

R. S. Q., art. 2972 to apply.

**28.** Article 2972 of the said Revised Statutes shall apply to the said company.

Coming into force.

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

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C A P . L X X V I .

An Act to incorporate the Bel-Air Jockey Club.

[Assented to 21st March, 1889.]

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS Duncan McIntyre, of Montreal, merchant, James P. Dawes, of the town of Lachine, brewer, Richard B. Angus, gentleman, Robert Craik, physician, Charles Cassils, merchant, Joseph Hickson, Manager of the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada, all of Montreal, have petitioned that they may be incorporated under the name of the Bel-Air Jockey Club, for the purpose of improving the breed of horses and cattle in the Province of Quebec, of acquiring and maintaining grounds