

high water mark, with a space of not less than forty feet between the abutments and the piers and between the piers, if there are more than one, for the passage of vessels and rafts; and the passage of the draw-bridge shall not exceed sixteen feet in width, and shall be placed in the 5 most convenient arch as regards the depth of water.

XXV. The said bridge and the said toll-house, toll-gate, and dependencies to be erected thereon, or near thereto, and also the ascents or approaches to the said bridge, and all materials which shall be from time to time found or provided, for erecting, building, or maintaining and 10 repairing the same, shall be vested in the said Company for ever; Provided that after the expiration of fifty years from the passing of this Act, it shall and may be lawful for Her Majesty, her heirs and successors, to assume the possession and property of the said bridge, toll-house, toll-gate, and dependencies, and the ascents and approaches thereto, upon 15 paying to the said Company the full and entire value which the same shall at the time of such assumption, bear and be worth: Provided always, that it shall be lawful for the Municipal Council of the said Parish of St. Antoine de la Rivière du Loup at any time to assume the possession and property of the said bridge, toll-house, toll-gate, accessories and other dependencies, and of the ascents and approaches to the 20 said bridge, upon paying to the said Company the full and entire value which the same shall at the time of such assumption, which said value shall be established by *experts*, one of whom shall be appointed by the said Council and another by the Company, and in case of difference of 25 opinion between the said *experts* they shall appoint a third, and the decision given by the majority shall establish the said value; but from the time of such assumption and thenceforth forever, the said bridge shall become and be a free bridge, and it shall not be lawful to exact any toll for crossing the same; And the said bridge shall thenceforward be 30 under the control of the said Municipal Council, who are hereby specially authorized, if they think proper, to raise the monies required both for the purchase of the said bridge and its dependencies and for their maintenance and repair, and this in accordance with the provision of the Municipal Act then in force in this Province: But before any such pro- 35 ceeding or By-law on the part of the said Municipal Council shall have force and effect it shall be submitted for the approval of the Municipal Electors of the said Municipality, and be approved by the votes of the majority thereof.

The bridge, &c., vested in Company for ever.

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XXVI. When and so soon as the said Bridge shall be erected and 40 built, and made fit and proper for the passage of travellers, cattle, horses and carriages, and the same shall have been published at the doors of the Church of the said Parish of St. Antoine de la Rivière du Loup, it shall be lawful for the said Company, from time to time and at all times, to ask, demand, receive, take, sue for and recover, to 45 and for their own proper use, benefit and behoof, for pontage, as or in the name of a toll or duty, before any passing over the said Bridge shall be permitted, the several sums following, that is to say:

For every carriage or other four-wheeled vehicle drawn by two horses, six pence currency;

50 For every four-wheeled vehicle drawn by one horse, three pence currency;