

such terminus, or running trains to or from Buffalo or any point near Fort Erie, may, with the consent of the persons owning a majority of its stock, loan its credit to the bridge company, or subscribe to and become the owner of its stock in like manner and with like rights as individuals.

The act vests the corporation with the usual and necessary powers to carry out its object and purposes, and prescribes the manner and proceedings by which title to real estate may be acquired, such as shall be necessary for the construction of the bridge, for its avenues and approaches, and for their maintenance and management.

The stockholders are to be liable to an amount equal to the amount of the capital stock held by them respectively, to the creditors of the company for all debts contracted by the directors or its agents for its use, until the whole amount thereof is paid in, and a certificate filed in the clerk's office of Erie county. If the directors contract debts for the company, exceeding in the aggregate the amount of the capital stock, they are to be personally liable for such excess.

The act provides for the proper management of the bridge, its use, as well for the passage of persons on foot, in carriages, or otherwise, as for railroad trains, and the regulation and collection of tolls ; for the recovery of damages for injuries to the property of the company, and for the punishment, by fine or imprisonment or both, of offences against its rights and franchises.

The bridge is to be commenced within five years, and completed within ten years from the passage of the act ; if not, then the company shall cease.

Several residents of the city of Buffalo represent that they are deeply interested in the question of bridging the Niagara river, and remonstrate against building any bridge above the foot of Squaw Island. They say if a bridge can be made to stand against the current, the storms and the ice of Lake Erie, it cannot be so constructed with a draw, or otherwise, as not to obstruct and almost entirely cut off navigation of the river ; that the current