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Edward Highway crosses the bridge from the Eastern Townships and New York State. The bridge was completed in 1859 and at the time was considered the eighth wonder of the world. It is one and seven-eighths miles in length with 23 spans of 242 feet each and the center span 330 feet. Robert Stephenson and Alex Ross were the engineers. The Prince of Wales (King Edward VII.) formally opened the bridge in 1860.

In 1898 the single track tubular bridge was replaced by a double track open-work steel bridge on the same piers with carriageways and footwalks. In 1909 an electric railway was completed over the bridge and is operated by the Montreal and Southern Counties Railway.

### ST. HELEN'S ISLAND.

Reached by ferry from foot of Berri Street. Cars 70, 71 or 83 down Windsor to Place d'Armes, transfer to 22 going east and alight at Berri. By auto south on Windsor, east on St. James to Place d'Armes, south one block to Notre Dame and then east to Berri.

St. Helen's Island was named by Samuel de Champlain after his wife, Helene Bouille, whose dowry he bartered for its possession. It belonged to the Seigniory of Longueuil. At the time of the conquest it was occupied by Marquis de Levis, who refused at first to surrender to the British when commanded to do so by the French Governor Vaudreuil.

The English acquired the land from the Seigniory for a military depot and stores. The island is a favorite resort for picnic parties.