

**10.** After the Bridge shall be open for the use of the public, no person shall erect or cause to be erected any bridge or bridges, maintain or cause to be maintained, any means of communication for the carriage of any person, cattle or carriage whatsoever, for hire, No new bridge, &c., within a certain distance.  
 5 across the said branch of the River Yamaska, at the place above mentioned, anywhere within one mile above and one mile and a half below the said bridge, under penalty of a fine of forty shillings, currency, for each person, animal or carriage conveyed across the said river on any bridge or means of communication constructed and  
 10 maintained for hire, provided that nothing in this Act shall be construed to deprive the public of the right of crossing the said river within the limits aforesaid, by wading, or in canoes or otherwise, without payment.

**11.** If any person shall maliciously pull down, burn, destroy, or Injury to bridge.  
 15 injure the said bridge, or any part thereof, or the toll-house, toll-gate, or other dependencies to be erected by virtue of this Act, every person so offending, and thereof legally convicted, shall be deemed guilty of felony.

**12.** The said Hilaire Theberge shall be bound to keep and main- Bridge to be kept in good repair.  
 20 tain the said bridge and dependencies in good repair, so as to afford a safe and convenient passage for travellers, cattle, and vehicles; and in case the said bridge shall at any time become impassable or unsafe, the said Hilaire Theberge, his heirs and assigns, shall, and they are hereby  
 25 required, within one year from the time at which the said bridge shall, by the Court of Queen's Bench in the exercise of its criminal jurisdiction, in and for the said District of St. Hyacinth, be ascertained to be impassable or unsafe, and notice thereof to them by the said Court shall  
 30 have been given, to cause the same to be made safe and commodious for the passage of travellers, cattle, and carriages; and if within the time last mentioned the said bridge be not repaired or rebuilt, as the case  
 may require, then the said bridge, or such part thereof as shall be remaining, shall be, and be taken, and considered to be the property of Her Majesty, and the said Hilaire Theberge and his assigns shall cease to have any right, title, or claim of, in, or to the said bridge.

**13.** Nothing in this Act, or in any provision thereof, shall extend Her Majesty's rights saved.  
 35 to diminish or extinguish the rights and privileges of Her Majesty the Queen, her heirs and successors, nor of any person or persons, body politic or corporate, in any of the things therein mentioned, except as to the power and authority hereby given to the said Hilaire Theberge.

**14.** The penalties hereby inflicted shall, upon proof of the offence Enforcement of penalties.  
 40 respectively before any one or more of the Justices of the Peace for the said District of St. Hyacinth, either by the confession of the offender or by the oath of one or more credible witnesses, (which oath such Justices or either of them are hereby empowered to administer,) be levied  
 45 by distress and sale of the goods and chattels of such offender, by warrant signed by such Justice or Justices of the Peace, and one-half of such penalties respectively shall belong to Her Majesty, and the other half to the person suing for the same; and the proceedings in such cases shall  
 50 be conducted in conformity with the provisions of Chapter 103 of the Consolidated Statutes of Canada, "respecting the duties of Justices of the Peace out of Sessions, in relation to summary proceedings and orders."

**15.** The moneys to be levied by virtue of this Act, and not hereinbefore granted to the said Hilaire Theberge, his heirs and assigns, and Fines, &c., reserved.