

**An Act to authorize William John Bickell to construct a Bridge
over the River St. Charles.**

WHEREAS the construction of a Toll-bridge over the River St. Charles, in the Parish of St. Roch of Quebec, opposite Hare Point, will greatly tend to promote the welfare and intercourse of the inhabitants of the said Parish and of the adjacent Parishes, and the convenience of the public generally; and whereas William John Bickell, of the City of Quebec, has, by a petition presented by him for that object, prayed to be authorized to construct a Toll-bridge over the said River St. Charles, at the place above mentioned: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:—

Preamble.

1. The said William John Bickell is hereby authorized to erect and construct, at his own cost and expense, a solid and sufficient Toll-bridge over the said River St. Charles, at the place aforesaid, and to erect and construct a Toll-house and Toll-gate, with other dependencies and approaches to or upon the said Bridge; and also to do and execute all such other matters and things as shall be necessary, useful or advantageous, for erecting and constructing, keeping up and maintaining the said intended Bridge, Toll-house, Toll-gate and other dependencies, according to the true intent and meaning of this Act.

Authority to build bridge:

2. For the purpose of erecting, building, maintaining and supporting the said Bridge, the said William John Bickell, or his representatives, shall from time to time have full power and authority to take and use the land on either side of the said River St. Charles, and there to work up, or cause to be worked up, the material and other things necessary for erecting, constructing or repairing the said Bridge accordingly, doing as little damage as possible, and making just and reasonable compensation for the damage so caused, and the value of the land so taken or occupied as aforesaid: Provided always, that if the said William John Bickell cannot agree with the owners of said lands as to the compensation therefor, the value thereof shall be determined by arbitration, which arbitration shall be conducted in manner following:—The said William John Bickell shall appoint one arbitrator, the owner of the land another, and the said two arbitrators shall appoint a third, and in case of disagreement the said third arbitrator shall be appointed by a Judge of any Court of Record, on the application of either of the parties; and such arbitrator shall have all necessary powers to summon witnesses, and to hear, swear, and examine them, and the award of the said arbitrators, or a majority of them, shall be final.

And take land, &c.

Proviso.

3. 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 from time to time be found or provided for erecting, building or maintaining and

Bridge, &c., vested in Bickell.