

Bridge, &c., vested in Hilaire Theberge. Proviso. 4. The said bridge and the said toll house, toll gate, and other dependencies now or hereafter to be erected on or near to the said bridge, and also the ascents or approaches to the said bridge shall be vested in the said Hilaire Theberge, his heirs and assigns, for ever, provided always that after the expiration of fifty years from the passing of this Act, it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors, to assume the possession and property of the said bridge, toll house and dependencies, and the ascents and approaches thereto upon paying to the said Hilaire Theberge or his heirs and assigns, the value which the same shall at the time of such assumption bear and be worth. 10

Certain tolls may be levied. 5. And whereas it is alleged that the said bridge is properly and substantially erected: Therefore, so soon as it shall be certified by two Justices of the Peace of the District of St. Hyacinth, after examination made by three *experts* to be appointed and sworn by the said Justices of the Peace, and after such certificate shall have been published 15 in some newspaper published in the District of St. Hyacinth, it shall be lawful for the said Hilaire Theberge his heirs and assigns, from time to time, and at all times, to ask, demand, receive, take, sue for and recover to and for his own proper use, benefit and behoof, for pontage, as or in the name of toll or duty, before any passage over the said 20 bridge shall be permitted, the several sums following, that is to say:—

For a small cart	4d	
For a single wagon	3d	
For a double wagon	4d	
For a man on horseback	1½	25
For each head of horned cattle	1d	
For each sheep	0½	
For each foot passenger	0½	

Rates may be diminished. 6. The said Hilaire Theberge his heirs and assigns, may diminish the rates aforesaid, and they shall be bound to post up in some conspicuous place, near the toll gate, a table in the English and French languages, of the rates payable for the passage of the said bridge. 30

Certain persons, &c., exempt. 7. Provided always that no person, horse or carriage employed in conveying a mail or letters under the authority of Her Majesty's Post Office, nor the horses nor carriages laden or unladen, and drivers attending officers and soldiers of Her Majesty's forces or of the Militia, whilst upon their march or on duty; nor the said officers or soldiers, nor any of them, nor carriages nor drivers or guards, sent with prisoners of any description, as well going or coming, provided they are not otherwise loaded, shall be chargeable with any toll or rate whatsoever. 40

Tolls vested. 8. The said tolls shall be, and the same are hereby vested in the said Hilaire Theberge his heirs and assigns, for ever; provided that if Her Majesty shall, after the expiration of fifty years, assume the possession and property of the said bridge, then the said tolls shall, from the time of such assumption, appertain and belong to Her Majesty, Her heirs 45 and successors, who shall from thence forward be substituted in the place and stead of the said Hilaire Theberge, for all and every the purposes of this Act.

Penalty on passing without payment. 9. If any person shall forcibly pass through the said toll gate, or over or upon the said bridge, without paying the said toll, or any part 50 thereof, or shall interrupt or disturb the said Hilaire Theberge, or his assigns, in building or repairing the said bridge and its dependencies, or any road or avenue leading thereto, every person so offending in each of the cases aforesaid, shall, for every offence, forfeit a sum not exceeding forty shillings, currency. 55