

5th Session, 1st Parliament, 35 Victoria, 1872.

AN ACT to amend the Queenston Suspension Bridge Company.

*Whereas*, the Queenston Suspension Bridge Company have, by their petition, alleged that their suspension bridge, built and constructed under the authority of their Act of Incorporation, has been so seriously injured by storms that a large sum of money is required to restore it; and that for such restoration, and for the purpose of increasing the facilities of travel, it is necessary that the capital stock of the company be increased to an amount not exceeding one million dollars; and the said company have also prayed that power shall be granted for railway crossings and other railway arrangements, and for union or connection with railway companies, or for the sale of the bridge to railway or other companies, either in Canada or in the United States of America, and it is expedient to grant the prayer of their petition: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:

1. The said Queenston Suspension Bridge Company may and are hereby authorized to increase their capital stock to an amount not exceeding one million dollars, and the same shall be divided into shares of one hundred dollars each.

2. Whenever it is intended to ask authority from the shareholders to increase the capital stock of the company to an amount not exceeding one million dollars, or to raise stock, script or bonds thereon, a notice of a general meeting of the shareholders for that purpose shall be given and inserted for at least two weeks prior to the time when such meeting takes place, in one or more newspapers published in the Town of St. Catharines and the City of Toronto.

3. The said company shall have power, under the authority of this Act, to construct and maintain the said bridge as a railway bridge, and to work trains by steam, and otherwise to operate a railway over the said bridge for local passengers and freight traffic, and to connect such railway and the trains so running over it with any railways in the State of New York and in the County of Lincoln.

4. It shall be lawful for the said company to enter into any agreement with any railway company or companies in the Dominion of Canada, or in the United States of America, for the sale or leasing the said bridge, or the use thereof, at any time or times, or for any period, to such railway company or companies, or for leasing or hiring from such company or companies, any railway, or part thereof, or the use thereof, or for the leasing or hiring any locomotives, tenders or movable property, and generally to make any agreement or agreements with any such company or such companies, touching the use, by one or the other, or others, of the bridge, or railway, or railways, or movable property of either or of any of them, or any part thereof, or touching