

BRIDGEBURG DEMANDS BETTER BRIDGE SERVICE

International Bridge Company No. 1 Living Up to the Terms of Its Charter.

Bridgeburg, Ont., has lost patience with the International Bridge Company and the board of trade has sent to parliament, thru W. M. German, M.P., a request that the company be forced to show cause why they should not lose their charter.

The railway commissioners, however, after about three or four weeks' waiting, came to the conclusion that this was a case that was "out of their jurisdiction," inasmuch as it was a bridge company case, and, of course, they were purely "railway," and so the matter was shelved and the Grand Trunk smiled.

To show, however, that they were a little on the anxious seat during the progress of this controversy, it may be said that Bridgeburg was told by one of the G.T.R. officials, to make a long story short: "If you stop bringing this before the commissioners we will allow you to use your 'dummy' tickets on trains."

On April 16, 1906, the council, board of trade and citizens generally met the G.T.R. representatives, Messrs. Cowan and Donald, with reference to a better "dummy" service. They heard Bridgeburg's complaint and promised to give an answer at an early date. To this day nothing has been heard from them.

The Grand Trunk's Statement. The International Bridge Company was incorporated in the year 1857, legislation to that end having been passed concurrently by the assembly of the State of New York and the legislative council and assembly of the late Province of Canada.

While it is true that the act provided that the bridge should be constructed as well for the passage of persons on foot and in carriages, as for the passage of railway trains, the American act imposes no restriction in this respect, being simply permissive, and providing that the bridge might be so constructed. As no passage for foot passengers or carriages was mentioned in the proceedings, the International Bridge Company to enforce what was considered to be the requirements of its charter, and in 1881 the court of appeal for Ontario held that the court should not interfere, stating, among other reasons, that as the bridge extended beyond the limits of the province, only a part being therein, it could not be unavailing for the court to give the public the right to pass over that part of the bridge which was within its jurisdiction.

Notwithstanding that there was no obligation to do so, the Grand Trunk has some time provided for the convenience of the residents of Bridgeburg what is known as the "dummy service" across the bridge, charging only a rate sufficient to pay the expenses of operation and reasonable profit. On account of the great and constantly increasing traffic over the bridge, this "dummy service" has always been a source of great inconvenience and danger, and, as a fact, notwithstanding the precautions taken, according to the reports more than one occasion. At the present time several actions are pending against the Grand Trunk as the result of an accident which occurred a short time ago.

What Bridgeburg Says. The contentions of the Bridgeburg Board of Trade is, in part, as follows: While the International Bridge Company is not given the power to operate the trains across the bridge, we do maintain that the International Bridge Company and the Grand Trunk Railway Company are virtually in the same company, the same directors of the International Bridge Company being with the Grand Trunk Railway Company.

Section 14 of the act which I have before me, says: "The said bridge shall be as well for the passage of persons ON FOOT AND IN CARRIAGES AND OTHERWISE AS FOR THE PASSAGE OF RAILWAY TRAINS, ETC." The International Bridge Company's position as we understand it is, that notwithstanding that their charter calls for the performance of certain works beyond the boundaries of Canada, any order made by the court of your board of railway commissioners for compliance with terms of the charter beyond the boundaries of Canada could not be enforced.

Our position is this: That having accepted a charter they are bound by the terms of it to give or provide for the use of the bridge by passengers on foot, in carriages and otherwise.

The additional "dummy service" asked for "would seriously interfere with the traffic," "would not compensate the company," "would be a source of great inconvenience to the company as well as dangerous," might we not then ask that this company be compelled to build their bridge according to the requirements of their charter?

While the company's solicitor says that "it takes to twenty-five passenger trains daily cross the bridge," which is true, the return fare across the bridge on these trains is 40c, half of which amount goes to the International Bridge Company, and the other half to the carrying railroad.

Here we are with a population of 2000 opposite a city of 375,000, and after 6 o'clock we have no way of getting to and from Buffalo. This matter has repeatedly been brought to the attention of the Grand Trunk Railway authorities, and while they have as repeatedly promised to give their attention, we have never had from them four proper hearings of our case.

Therefore, Bridgeburg says: Live up to the requirements of the charter and build the bridge according to it, or give us simply what we ask, viz., a dummy service of every half hour during the day, commencing at 6 a.m., and every hour after 7 p.m., till 12 p.m., Sunday included.

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