

open within a reasonable time, not exceeding one hour, the passage of the said draw bridge, without being entitled to ask or exact any toll money, fee or reward whatsoever, so as to allow and give free passage to each and every boat or vessel, or raft, having one or more masts, navigating the said Grand Rivière du Loup, under a penalty of not less than five or more than fifty shillings, currency, for each and every failure so to do, to be recovered from the said Company or their agents, toll collectors, keepers or others representing them, and having such bridge in charge who shall have made such default, with costs of suit by the person or persons who shall have suffered damage by such default, without prejudice to the damages which may have been caused by the neglect to open the said passage, and for which the Company shall be responsible; Provided always, that the said Company, their agents, toll collectors or others representing the said Company and having charge of the said bridge, shall not be bound to open the said passage or cause it to be opened for any boat, vessel or raft, the mast or masts of which are moveable and can be unshipped or lowered so as to enable them to pass under the said draw bridge.

Proviso.

XXXI. If any person shall forcibly pass through the said toll-gate, or over or upon the said bridge without paying the requisite toll, or shall interrupt or disturb the said Company, or any person or persons employed by them in building, constructing, renewing or repairing the said bridge, toll-house, toll-gate, accessories or other dependencies, approaches, ascents, roads or avenues leading thereto, or shall interrupt or disturb the said Company or any person or persons employed by them in keeping the said bridge or appurtenances hereinbefore mentioned, or in demanding or collecting the tolls for passing or repassing thereon, or who shall pass on the said bridge at a rate faster than a walk, or shall drive his horse, ass, mule, horned cattle or other animal at a rate faster than a walk, every person so offending shall incur in each case and for each offence, a fine of not less than ten shillings nor more than forty shillings currency, or shall be imprisoned in the common gaol of the district of Three Rivers for a period not exceeding ten days.

Persons passing without paying or disturbing the Company.

XXXII. As soon as the Bridge shall be passable and opened for the use of the public, no person shall erect, or cause to be erected, any bridge or bridges, for the carriage of any person, cattle or carriage whatsoever, for hire across the said Grande Rivière du Loup, within the distance of one and a-half miles above and one and a-half miles below the said Bridge, measuring along the banks of the said branch of the said river, and following its windings; and if any person or persons, Company or Companies, shall erect a Toll-bridge or Toll-bridges over the said River, within the said limits, they shall pay to the Company hereby incorporated, treble the tolls hereby imposed for the persons, cattle, horses and carriages which shall pass over such bridge or bridges. But this Act shall in no way affect the bridge now existing within the limits aforesaid, in so far as regards its existence and maintenance as a free bridge.

No new bridge to be erected within a certain distance.

Exception.

XXXIII. If any person shall maliciously pull down, burn, destroy, break or injure the said Bridge or any part thereof, or the Toll-gate, Toll-house or other dependencies, or the approaches, ascents, avenues and roads leading thereto, to be erected and made by virtue of this Act, every person so offending and thereof legally convicted, shall be deemed guilty of felony, and punished accordingly.

Damage, &c., to bridge, how punished.