

An Act to authorise Paul Girard to construct a Toll-Bridge over the River Etchemin.

WHEREAS the construction of a Toll-Bridge over the River Etche- Preamble.  
 min, in the Parish of St. Henri, in the County of Lewis, in the District of Quebec, on the Road of the Concession, known as Pointe aux Bois Clairs Sud, would greatly tend to promote the welfare and interest of the inhabitants of the said Parish and of the neighbouring Parishes and Townships, and of the public generally; and whereas Paul Girard, of the Parish of St. Gervaise, has, by a petition presented by him for that object, prayed to be authorised to construct a Toll-Bridge on the said River Etchemin, at the place above mentioned: Therefore,

10 Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

1. The said Paul Girard is hereby authorised to erect and construct, at his own cost and expense, a solid and sufficient Toll-Bridge over the said River Etchemin, in the said Parish of St. Henri, at the place aforementioned, and to erect and construct a Toll-House and Toll-Gate, with other dependencies and approaches to and 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.

2. For the purpose of erecting, building, maintaining and supporting the said Bridge, the said Paul Girard shall, from time to time, have full power and authority to take and use the land on either side of the said River Etchemin, and there to work up, or cause to be worked up, the materials 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.

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 buildings, or maintaining and repairing the same, shall be vested in the said Paul Girard for ever;

35 Provided that, after the expiration of fifty years from the passing of this Act, it shall and may be lawful for Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, to assume the possession and property of the said Bridge, Toll-house, Toll-gate and dependencies, and the ascents and approaches thereto, upon paying to the said Paul Girard the full and entire value which the same shall, at the time of such assumption, bear and be worth; Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent the Municipality of the Parish of St. Henri, or any number of inhabitants interested in the said Bridge, from acquiring, at

Bridge and dependencies to vest in Paul Girard.
Proviso: Her Majesty may assume the bridge, paying the value.
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