

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 inter-
 5 course 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, Paul Girard
empowered to
erect a toll
bridge across
Etchemin
river.
 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 afore-
 15 said, 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
 20 dependencies, according to the true intent and meaning of this Act.

2. For the purpose of erecting, building, maintaining and supporting Power to take
land.
 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
 25 materials and other things necessary for erecting, constructing or re-
 pairing 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 depen- Bridge and
dependencies
to vest in
Paul Girard.
 30 cies 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
 40 which the same shall, at the time of such assumption, bear and be
 worth; Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall be con-
 structed to prevent the Municipality of the Parish of St. Henri, or any
 number of inhabitants interested in the said Bridge, from acquiring, at Or any num-
ber of inhab-