

Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and intituled, *An Act to re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the Government of Canada*, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the said Joseph Wynn, Robert Hamilton, John Stayner, Andrew Tod, William Duff, Richard Miller, and all persons who shall become shareholders in the undertaking hereinafter mentioned, pursuant to this Act, shall be, and they are hereby constituted a Body Corporate and Politic by and under the name, style and title of the Queenston Suspension Bridge Company, with power to unite with any other persons, Company or Body Politic to construct a Suspension Bridge across the Niagara River, at or near Queenston, with the necessary approaches thereto with rail, Macadamized or other roads, and to connect the same with any road now or hereafter to be made, at any point within half a mile of the said Town of Queenston, and the said corporation, by the name aforesaid, shall and may, they and their successors, have perpetual succession, and be capable of contracting and being contracted with, suing and being sued, pleaded and being impleaded, answering and being answered unto, in all courts and places whatsoever, in all manner of actions, suits, complaints, matters and concerns whatsoever, and they and their successors may and shall have a Common Seal, and may change and alter the same at their will and pleasure; and also, that they and their successors, under the name of the Queenston Suspension Bridge Company, shall be by law capable of purchasing, having and holding any real or personal estate for the use of the said company, and of departing therewith for the benefit of the said company: Provided always, nevertheless, that the value of the real estate so holden by the said company at any time, exclusive of the said bridge, shall not exceed the sum of one thousand pounds.

II. And be it enacted, That ten thousand pounds shall constitute the Capital Stock of the said Company, and that the same shall be divided into shares of twenty-five pounds each.

XIX. And be it enacted, That notwithstanding the privileges hereby conferred, the Legislature may at any time hereafter make such additions to this Act, or such alterations of any of its provisions as they may think proper, for affording just protection to the public, or to any person or persons, Body Politic or Corporate in respect to their Estate, Property or Rights, or any interest therein, or any advantage, privilege or convenience connected therewith, or in respect to any way or right, public or private, that may be affected by any of the powers given by this Act.

N. B.—The above is only a portion of the Charter; the clauses left out only referring to detail matters.