

shall also be lawful for the said Company to grant such debentures either in payment or as security to any person or persons, corporation or corporations, to whom the said Company may be indebted, and who may be willing to receive the same; and every debenture issued under the provisions of this Act, purporting to hypothecate any real estate in Lower Canada, shall have the same authenticity, force and effect, with respect to the date thereof, the mortgage or hypothec thereby given, and in all other respects without exception, as if the same had been executed in the notarial form according to the laws of Lower Canada; and every instrument purporting to be a debenture issued under the provisions of this Act, shall by all Courts, Judges and other officers, and upon all occasions, be considered and treated as genuine and authentic until the contrary be proved: Provided always, that nothing herein contained, shall defeat or in any way impair any bond, debenture, obligation hypothec, mortgage, or other security heretofore granted by the said Company.

~~Tolls may be taken.~~

XVII. And be it enacted, That as soon as any part of the said Rail-road shall be so far completed as to be capable of being used, it shall and may be lawful for the Directors of the said Company, from time to time to fix and regulate the Tolls and charges to be received for the transportation taken of all passengers, goods, merchandises and other property of any kind thereon or on any of the said steamboats or vessels, and also to fix and regulate the tolls to be received from any person or persons passing on any bridge to be used as a Toll-bridge as hereinbefore provided, and on any carriages, animals, goods or property of any kind that may pass over any such bridge, and it shall be lawful for the said Company to ask from, demand, receive, recover and take the said tolls and charges to and for their own proper use and benefit; and the said Directors shall also have full power and authority to regulate the time and manner in which passengers, goods, merchandizes, and property of every kind shall be transported, taken and carried on the said Railroad, steamboats, vessels and bridges, and in case of denial of payment of any such tolls or charges, or any part thereof on demand to the person or persons appointed to receive the same, the Company may sue for the same in any Court having competent jurisdiction, or the person or persons to whom the said tolls and charges ought to be paid may, and he is and they are hereby empowered to seize and detain such goods, merchandises and property of any kind for or in respect whereof such tolls and charges ought to be paid, and to detain the same until payment thereof, and in the meantime the said goods, merchandizes or other property shall be at the risk of the owner or owners thereof, and the said Directors shall have full power from time to time to lower or reduce all or any of the said tolls