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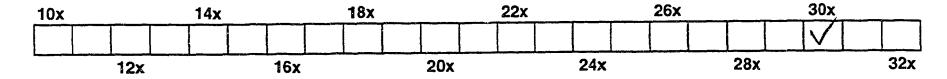
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An Act to incorporate the Canada and Detroit River Bridge Company.

PRIVATE BILL.

Hon. Mr. CARLING.

OTTAWA:

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W HEREAS certain persons hereinafter named have petitioned Preamble. for power to build a bridge across the Detroit River for railway and other purposes at such points in or near Windsor and Detroit as may be found eligible, with the object of connecting by means of railways on such bridge the Great Western Railway and the Michigan Central Railroad, and all such other railways or railroads which now or may hereafter terminate either at Windsor or Detroit, and of affording ready communication between the said places; And whereas the Great Western Railway 10 Company claiming rights under their Acts of incorporation to construct the said work have also petitioned, praying that the aforesaid petitioners should be entrusted with the enterprize, and an Act of incorporation be passed in their aid; and it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petitioners; Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:—

1. The Henorable William McMaster, Senator, James F. Joy, Certain perof the City of Detroit, in the State of Michigan, Esquire; Sir Thomas sons incor-Dakin, London, England; Gilson Homan, Sandford House, Kirk-porated.

- 20 stall, near Leeds, England; Donald McInnes, of the City of Hamilton, in the Province of Ontario, Esquire; the Honorable John Carling, of the City of London, Ontario; Joseph Price, of the aloresaid City of Hamilton, Esquire: William Ker Muir, of the same place, Esquire; Samuel Barker, of the same place, Esquire, and John Kennedy of the same place, Esquire, together with such persons and corporations as shall under the provisions of this Act become shareholders in the Company hereby incorporated, are hereby constituted and declared to be a body Corporate corporate and politic by the name of "The Canada and Detroit name.
 30 River Brilge Company."
 - 2. "The Railway Act, 1883," is hereby incorporated with this Railway Act Act and shall form part hereof and be construed herewith as incorporated forming one Act.
- 3. The Company hereby incorporated shall have full power Company may 35 and authority under this Act to construct, maintain, work and build bridge manage a railway bridge across the Detroit River for railway Piver. purposes, from some point at or near the Town of Windsor, in the County of Essex, towards a point at or near the City of Detroit, in the State of Michigan, and such other works as are hereinafter 40 mentioned.
 - 4. The Canada and Detroit River bridge and other works by Declaratory. his Act authorized to be constructed are hereby declared to be works for the general advantage of Canada.

Power towork trains across bridge.

5. The said Company are hereby authorized to work trains by steam or horse or other power for local passengers and freight traffic between the State of Michigan and the County of Essex over the bridge hereby authorized to be constructed, and to connect the said trains with other railways, and by and upon 5 rails or otherwise to work and convey the said trains into the said County and into the said Town of Windsor and within the corporate limits thereof.

Power to acquire land, &c. 6. The Company shall have full power and authority to pur-1e chase, acquire, take and hold all such lands, lands covered with water, beaches, and other property as may be necessary for the purpose of constructing the said bridge and working the said trains or for the convenient using of the same, and also for the construction and using of such branch railway, not exceeding 1s four miles in length, as may be necessary to make connections or to approach the said bridge and to use any of the public highways for the purpose of constructing and working the same or any of them, with the consent of the Municipal Council having jurisdiction over such highway.

Provisional Directors.

7. The persons named in the first section are constituted the Board of Provisional Directors of the said Company and shall hold office as such until the first election of Directors under this Act, and shall have power and authority immediately after the passing of this Act, to open stock books and procure subscriptions 25 of tock for the undertaking, giving at least four weeks previous notice by advertisement in the "Canada Gazette" of the time and place of their meeting, to receive subscriptions of stock; and the said Provisional Directors may cause surveys and plans to be made and executed, and may acquire any plans and surveys now 30 existing; and it shall be their duty as hereinafter provided, to call a general meeting of shareholders for the election of Directors.

Plans and surveys.

Stock books

- Subscription of stock and allotment.
- 8. No subscription of stock in the capital of the said Company shall be legal or valid, unless ten per centum shall have been actually and bond fide paid thereon, within five days after sub- 35 scription into one or more of the chartered Banks of Canada, to be designated by the said directors, and such ten per centum shall not be withdrawn from such Bank or otherwise applied, except for the purposes of such railway bridge, or upon the dissolution of the Company from any cause whatever, and the said Directors 40 or a majority of them may, in their discretion, exclude any persons from subscribing, who, in their judgment, would hinder, delay or prevent the said Company from proceeding with and completing their undertaking under the provisions of this Act; and if more than the whole stock shall have been subscribed, the said Provi- 45 sional Directors shall allocate and apportion it amongst the subscribers as they shall deem most advantageous and conducive to the furtherance of the undertaking, and in such allocation the said Directors may, in their discretion, exclude any one or more of the said subscribers, if, in their judgment, their so doing will best 50 secure the building of the said railway bridge.

All shareh olders to h ave equal rights. 9. All shareholders in the said Company whether British subjects or aliens, or residents, or corporations in Canada or elsewhere, shall have equal rights to hold stock in the said Company, and to vote on the same, and to be eligible to office in the said Company. 55

- 10. The capital stock of the said Company shall be five hun- Capital and dred thousand dollars divided into five thousand shares of one shares. hundred dollars each, with power to increase the same to one Increase. million of dollars.
- 11. So soon as two hundred thousand dollars of the said First meeting capital stock shall have been subscribed as aforesaid, and ten per holders or cent. bond fide paid thereon, and deposited in one or more of the election of chartered Banks of Canada for the purposes of the Company, the directors. hereinbefore mentioned Directors or a majority of them, shall call 10 a meeting of the shareholders of the said Company, at such time and place as they may think proper, giving at least two weeks' notice in the Canada and Ontario Gazettes, at which meeting the shareholders shall elect seven directors, from the shareholders possessing the qualifications hereinafter mentioned, which directors

12. The annual general meeting of the shareholders for the Annual genelection of directors, and other general purposes, shall be held at eral meeting. the City of Hamilton, in the Province of Ontario, or elsewhere as 20 may be appointed by by-law on the first Wednesday in the month of June in each year, and two weeks previous notice thereof shall be given by publication, as provided in the last preceding section.

15 shall hold office until the next annual meeting of the shareholders

as hereinafter provided.

13. No person shall be elected a director of the said Company, Qualification unless he shall be the holder and owner in his own right or as ef directors. 25 trustee for any such corporation, of at least forty shares in the stock of the said Company, and shall have paid up all calls made thereon.

14. No call to be made at any time upon the said capital Calls. stock, shall exceed ten per centum, on the subscribed capital, and Limited 25 no stockholder shall be liable for the debts or obligations of the liability. Company beyond the amount unpaid on any stock held by him.

after the sanction of the shareholders shall have been first obtained row money at any special general meeting to be call d from time to time for bohds. 30 such purpose, to issue bonds made and s med by the President or Vice-President of the Company and cour ersigned by the Secretary and Treasurer and under the seal of the said Company, for the purpose of raising money for prosecuting the said undertaking; and such bonds shall without registration or formal conveyance be Tobe prefer-

15. It shall be lawful for the directors of the said Company, Power to bor-

35 taken and considered to be the first and preferential claims and ential claims. charges upon the undertaking and revenues, and the property of the Company real and personal then existing or at any time thereafter acquired, and each holder of any bond or bonds so issued from time to time shall be deemed to be a mortgagee and encum-

40 brancer pro ratu with all the other holders thereof upon the undertaking, revalues and property of the Company as aforesaid; and such bonds may be for any term of years not exceeding thirty years, and may bear interest at any rate of interest not exceeding the rate of seven per centum per annum; Provided Proviso; 45 however that the whole amount of such issue of bonds shall not amount limited. exceed in all the sum of eight hundred thousand dollars.

16. The Company shall have power to become parties to pro come parties missory notes and bills of exchange, for sums not less than one to promissory hundred dollars, and any such promissory note made or endorsed. notes.

and such bill of exchange drawn, accepted or endorsed by the President or Vice-President of the Company and countersigned by the Secretary and Treasurer, and under the authority of a majority of a quorum of the directors, shall be binding on the Company and every such promissory note or bill of exchange made, drawn accepted or endorsed by the President or Vice-President of the said Company, and countersigned by the Secretary and Treasurer, as such shall be presumed to have been properly made, drawn, accepted or endorsed, as the case may be, for the Company, until the contrary be shown, and in no case shall it be necessary to have 10 the seal of the Company affixed to any such bill of exchange or promissory note, nor shall the President, Vice-President or Secretary and Treasurer of the Company so making, drawing, accepting. or endorsing any such promissory note or bill of exchange, be thereby subjected individually to any liability whatever; Provided 15 always that nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize the said Company to issue any note payable to bearer or any promissory note intended to be circulated as money or as the notes

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When more land has to be required.

of a bank.

17. Whenever it shall become necessary for the purpose of 20 procuring sufficient lands for stations or gravel pits, or ballasting or other purposes for constructing, maintaining or using the said bridge and branch railway, or working or using the said trains, to purchase more land than is required for such stations or gravel pits, or ballasting or other purposes, the said Company may 25 purchase, take, hold, use and enjoy such lands and also the right of way thereto if the same be separated from their bridge, branch railway or line for working the said trains, in such manner and for such purposes connected with the construction, maintenance or use of the said works as they may deem expedient, and may?sell 30 and convey the same or parts thereof from time to time as they may deem expedient.

Company sell the same,

Plans to be submitted to Governor for approval. 18. The said Company shall not commence the said bridge or any work thereunto appertaining, until the Company shall have submitted to the Governor in Council, plans of such bridge, and 35 of all the intended works thereunto appertaining, nor until such plans and the site of such bridge shall have been approved by the Governor in Council, and such conditions as he shall have thought fit for the public good to impose, touching the said bridge and

Draws.

works, shall have been complied with, nor shall any such plan be 40 altered, nor any deviation therefrom allowed except by the permission of the Governor in Council and upon such conditions as he shall impose; Provided always that the said bridge shall be constructed so as to have two draws in the main channel of the River, which said draws shall each be of the width of one fundred 45 and sixty feet, and shall otherwise give free and une structed passage to vessels of every description navigating the sail River, and the said draws shall at all times during these as of navigation be kept open, except when actually required to be closed for the passage of railway trains, and shall otherwise be tended and moved 50 at the expense of the said Company, so as not to hinder unneces-

Lights.

Steam tug.

sarily the passage of any vessel: from sun down until sunrise, during the season of navigation, suitable lights shall be maintained upon the said bridge, to guide vessels approaching the said draws; 55 and for assisting the passage of any vessel through the said draws, the said Company shall at all times keep in readiness, a steam tug suitable for towing the said vessels through the said draws, and

shall tow all the said vessels through the said draws respectively,

whenever requested so to do by the officers of such vessels, without, Damages for charge and the said Company shall be liable to pay the owners of neglect. any vessel or of the cargoes or freight thereof, all damages they may respectively sustain by reason of any neglect of any of the 5 foregoing provisions; and the use of the said bridge shall be subject Regulations. to such regulations as shall be from time to time approved of by the Governor in Council.

19. It shall be the duty of the said Company during the con- Lights to be struction of such bridge, to put up and maintain, in the night time kept upduring 10 during the season of navigation, a good and sufficient light at each the construcend of any coffer dam or pier, which may be erected by the said bridge. Company, the said light to be placed at least five feet above the said dam or pier, and also such buoys fluring both day and night as may be necessary for the guidance of persons navigating the 15 said river; provided always that before commencing the works Provinc; conof the said bridge or taking possession of any part of the beach or sent of Govland covered with water or other property of the Crown, the ernor to com-Company shall obtain the consent of the Governor in Council, works. who may impose, such terms and conditions as he shall think

20 proper before granting permission to commence the works or take possession of any property of the Crown as aforesaid.

20. It shall be lawful for the said Company, to enter into any Agreements agreement with any railway or railroad company or companies with railway in the Dominion of Canada, or in the United States of America, lease of bridge. 25 for leasin; the said bridge branch railway and other works or any of them, or the entire or partial use thereof at any time or times, or i rany period, to such railway or railroad companies or for leasing or hiring from such company or companies any railway or frailroad, or part thereof or the use thereof, or for the 30 leasing or airing any locomotives, tenders or moreable property, and generally to make any agreement or agreements with any such company or such companies, touching the use by one or the other or others of the bridge or railway or railways, or railroad or railroads, or moreable property of either or of any of 35 them or an part thereof, or touching any service to be rendered by the one company to the other or others and the compensation therefor, and any such railway or railroad company or companies may agree for the loan of its credit (either by direct guarantee or traffic contract or otherwise) to or may subscribe to and become 40 the owner of the stock of the company hereby created, in like manner and with like rights as individuals, and any such agreement shall be valid and binding, and shall be enforced by courts of law according to the terms and tenor thereof, and any company accepting and executing such lease, shall be and is empowered 45 to exercise all the rights and privileges in this Charter confered subject to the limitations and reservations (if any) in such agreement or lease expressed.

21. When the said Railway Bridge is completed and ready for all railway. traffic, all cars - all Railways or Railroads terminating at or near trains to be 50 the Town of Windsor aforesaid, or in the State of Michigan, at or cross without near the City of Detroit, now constructed or hereafter to be con-preference. structed (including the cars of any other Railway Company which may be brought over such Railways,) shall have the right to be hauled and forwarded over the said Bridge at corresponding tariff 55 rates for the persons and property transported, so that no discrimination:in tariff for such transportation shall be made in favour or against any Railway or Railroad whose cars or businest may be forwarded over the Bridge.

Arbitration in case of disagreement. 22. In case of any disagreement, and, as often as the same may arise, as to the rights of any railroad or railway, whose cars or business shall pass over the said work hereby authorized to be constructed, or the tariff rates to be charged in respect thereof, the same shall be determined by arbitrators, one to be appointed by the Company hereby incorporated, and another by the Company with whom the disagreement shall have arisen, and a third (who shall be some person experienced in railway affairs) by one of the Superior Courts of the Province of Ontario, upon application to such Court,—due notice thereof having been given to the parties 10 interested, and the award of the said arbitrators, or the majority of them, shall be final; Provided that the terms of the said award shall not be binding for a longer term than five years.

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Power to the Company to amalgamate with another or others. 23. It shall be lawful for the said Company to unite, amalgamate, and consolidate its stock, property and franchises with the 15 stock, property and franchises of any other Company, incorporated or which may be incorporated by the laws of the State of Michigan one of the United States of America, for a similar purpose with the Company hereby incorporated, and to onter into all contracts and agreements therewith, necessary to such union and amalgama-20 tion, and which said Company shall be by the laws of the State of Michigan, authorized to enter into such amalgamation, or consolidation.

Proceedings in such case.

24. The directors of the Company hereby incorporated, and of any corporation proposing to so amalgamate or consolidate as afore- 25 said, may enter into a joint agreement in duplicate under the corporate seals of each of the said Corporations, for the amalgamation and consolidation of the said Corporations,—prescribing the terms and conditions thereof, the mode of carrying the same into effect, the name of the new Corporation, the number of the 30 Directors and other officers thereof, and who shall be the first directors and officers thereof, and their places of residence, the number of shares of the capital stock, the amount or par value of each share, and the manner of converting the capital stock of each of the said Corporations into that of the new Corporation, and 35 how and when and for how long, directors and other officers of such new Corporation shall be elected, and when elections shall be held, with such other details as they shall deem necessary to perfect such new organization and the consolidation and amalgamation of the said Corporations, and the after management and working 40 thereof; and such new Corporation shall have power to consolidate or unite with either or any of the lines of railway having powers of consolidation or union, connecting with the said bridge by the same means and to the same ends as the same may be consolidated by this Act.

Agreement to be submitted to stockholders.

Notice.

25. Such agreement shall be submitted to the stockholders of each of the said corporations at a meeting thereof to be held separately for the purpose of taking the same into consideration; notice of the time and place of such meetings and the object thereof shall be given by written or printed notices, addressed to each of the 50 persons in whose names, at the time of giving such notice, the capital stock of such corporations shall stand on the books of such corporations, and delivered to such persons respectively or addressed to them by mail, at their last known post office address or place of residence, and also by a general notice to be published in a news-55 paper published in the County of Essex, and in the City of Detroit,

once a week for two successive weeks. At such meetings of stockholders, such agreement shall be considered and a wote by ballot Voting on taken for the adoption or rejection of the same,—each share agreement. entitling the holder thereof to one vote, and the said ballots to be

5 cast in person or by proxy; and if two thirds of the votes of all the stockholders of such corporations shall be for the adoption of such agreement, then that fact shall be certified upon each of the said duplicates by the Secretary of each of such Corporations under the corporate scals thereof; and if the said agreement shall 10 be so adopted at the respective meetings of the stockholders of Filing of each of the said Corporations, one of the duplicates of the agree-agreement if

ment so adopted and of the said certificates thereon shall be filed

in the office of the Secretary of State of the Dominion of Canada, and the other in the office of the Secretary of State of the State 15 of Michigan, and the said agreement shall from thence be taken and deemed to be the agreement and act of consolidation and amalgamation of the Company and of such other corporation, and a copy of such agreement so filed, and of the certificates thereon, properly certified shall be evidence of the existence of such new 20 Corporation.

26. Upon the making and perfecting of the saidagreement and Powers of

act of consolidation, as provided in the next preceding section and consolidated the fling of the soil agreement as in the soil section provided the corporation. the filing of the said agreement as in the said section provided, the several corporations parties thereto shall be deemed and taken to 25 be consolidated, and to form one corporation by the name in the said agreement provided, with a common seal, and shall possess all the rights, powers, privileges and franchises, and be subject to all the disabilities and duties of each of such corporations so consolited and united, except as herein otherwise provided.

27. Upon the consummation of such act of consolidation as All property aforesaid, all and singular the property, real, personal and mixed, of soveral corand all rights and interest appurtenant thereto, all stock, sub-porations transferred to scriptions, and other debts due on whatever account, and other new corporathings in action belonging to such corporations or either of them, tion.

35 shall be taken and deemed to be tranferred to and vested in such new corporation without further act or deed; Provided however, that all rights of creditors and liens upon the property of either of such corporations, shall be unimpaired by such consolidation, and all debts, liabilities and duties of either of the said corporations, shall 40 thenceforth attach to the new corporation, and be enforced against it to the same extent as if the said debts, liabilities and duties had been incurred or contracted by it; and provided also that no action or proceeding legal or equitable by or against the said corporations

so consolidated, or either of them, shall abate or be affected by such 45 consolidation, but for all the purposes of such action or proceeding, such corporation may be deemed still to exist, or the new corporation may be substituted in such action or proceeding in the place thereof.

28. The said new corporation shall have power from time to New corpora-50 time to borrow such sums of money as may be necessary for con-tion to negostructing and completing the works hereby authorized, and for the tiste loans. acquiring of the necessary real estate for the site thereof, and the approaches thereto, and to mortgage its corporate property and franchises to secure the payment thereof, but the principal of the 55 mortgage debt of such corporation shall not at any time exceed the sum of one million six hundred thousand dollars.

What rates of tolls or com-

29. The Company hereby incorporated, or the said new corporation, or any railway or railroad company or companies, being persation may lead to the said railway bridge, shall have the right to charge use of bridge. such compensation for the use of the said bridge by railway or railroad companies, whose business shall pass and be forwarded over the said bridge, as shall be found by experience requisite to yield an amount which would be sufficient to pay the expense of keeping in repair, maintaining and managing the works hereby authorized to be constructed, the interest upon the money borrowed for the construction thereof, and dividends not exceeding ten per centum 10 per annum upon the capital stock, and an additional sum which would be sufficient to furnish a sinking fund each year, not to exceed five per cent of the amount of the bonded debt; and deficiencies in the amount of tolls in any one year may be charged for and collected in any subsequent year.

Provision if tolls are not ; sufficient to meet amount guaranteed.

15 30. If the tolls collected shall not in any year have paid the amount which the railway companies shall have guaranteed, and the railway companies shall have had to pay the deficiency, such deficiency shall be a debt due by the bridge company, (or the new corporation in case of amalgamation or consolidation) to the rail- 20 way companies, to be discharged thereafter with interest; or the said railway companies and the said bridge company, or the new corporation as aforesaid, may agree for the discharge of the said debt by the creation and issue of capital stock at such rates cr prices as may be agreed on.

Votes.

31. At all meetings of the stockholders of the company hereby incorporated, each stockholder shall be entitled to cast one vote for each share of stock held by him, and to vote either in person or by proxy, and the directors of the said company may also at any meeting of the Board vote by proxy, such proxy to be held 30 by another director; Provided that no more than two proxies shall be held by one director of the other directors, and not less than four directors shall be present in person at any meeting of the Board of Directors for the transaction of business.

Proxies.

32. One hundred thousand dollars shall be paid in within two 35 Act limited. years, and the said railway bridge shall be commenced within two years, and completed within six years from the coming into force of this Act.

Conditions to be enforced before this Act shall come nto force.

33. This Act shall have no force or effect until duly certified copies of any Act passed by the Legislature of the State of Michi- 40 gan, incorporating any company for objects similar to those contemplated by this Act, and of any Act of Congress of the United States conferring necessary powers in respect of the same are filed in the Department of the Secretary of State of Canada, upon which the Governor in Council may by proclamation order that 45 from and after a day to be mentioned therein this Act shall be of full force and effect, and this Act shall accordingly thenceforth have full force and effect.

bridge.

34. The Company hereby incorporated, and the said new corpo-Company may 34. The Company nerony merony merony merony meron for inconstruct feet ration shall have power to and may construct as part of or in connection with the said railway bridge and other works; a passage floor or way for horses, carriages and foot passengers, and may construct the same either during the construction of the said: railway bridge or at any time after the completion thereof, and in the event of their electing to construct the same, may make, amend, repeal, 55 re-enact and enforce all such by-laws, rules and regulations as shall seem to them proper and necessary, as to the management, control and use thereof, and as to the tolls and fares to be received and charged for passing over the same.

5 35. This Act may be cited as "The Canada and Detroit River Short title.
Bridge Act, 1873."
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