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An Act respecting the Portage du Fort
and Bristol Branch Railway Company.

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WHEREAS the Portage du Fort and Bristol Branch Railway Company has, by its petition, represented that it was incorporated by an Act of the Legislature of the province of Quebec, being chapter 101 of the statutes of 1888, which Act was amended by chapter 66 of the statutes of 1895, and has prayed that it be enacted as hereinafter set forth, and it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition : Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, declares and enacts as follows :—

1. In this Act the expression “the Company” means the corporation created by the Act first mentioned in the preamble under the name of “The Portage du Fort and Bristol Branch Railway Company ;” and the works which the Company by its said Acts, or by this Act, is empowered to undertake or operate, are hereby declared to be works for the general advantage of Canada.

2. Nothing herein contained shall be construed in any way to affect or render inoperative any of the provisions of the said Acts which authorized the Company to undertake, own and operate the said works as aforesaid ; but hereafter the said works shall be subject to the legislative authority of the Parliament of Canada, and to the provisions of *The Railway Act*.

3. The present board of directors of the Company shall continue to be directors of the Company until legally replaced.

4. The capital stock of the Company is hereby increased to five hundred thousand dollars, divided into shares of one hundred dollars each, and may be called up by the directors from time to time as they deem necessary, but no one call shall exceed ten per cent on the shares subscribed.

5. The head office of the Company shall be in the city of Ottawa.

6. The annual meeting of the shareholders shall be held on the second Tuesday in September in each year at the head office of the Company.

At such meeting the shareholders present or represented by proxy, who have paid all calls due on their shares, shall

Preamble.

Que., 1888,
c. 101.Que., 1895,
c. 66.

Declaratory.

Existing Acts
not affected,
but works to
be subject to
Parliament.Existing
directors
continued.Capital
increased.

Head office.

Annual
meeting.Election of
directors.

choose not less than five and not more than nine persons to be directors of the Company, one or more of whom may be paid directors.

Extension of
railway.

7. The Company may extend its line of railway from a point at or near the village of Quyon in the county of Pontiac through the townships of Onslow, Eardley and South Hull to the city of Hull in the province of Quebec, and to any bridges connecting the cities of Ottawa and Hull, with power to make running arrangements over the said bridges into the city of Ottawa; also with power to acquire the rights, franchise, works and approaches of the Deschenes Bridge Company, and to construct a line of railway from a point at or near the Deschenes Rapids in the township of Nepean into the city of Ottawa; and may also extend its line of railway from the village of Portage du Fort across the Ottawa River and through the townships of Ross, Westmeath and Pembroke in the county of Renfrew to the town of Pembroke in the province of Ontario. 5 10 15

Arrangement
with bridge
companies.

Bridge over
Ottawa River.

8. The Company may construct, operate, and use a bridge, with the necessary approaches thereto, across the Ottawa River at or near the village of Portage du Fort in the province of Quebec to the opposite side of the said river in the province of Ontario, for railway purposes and for the passage of pedestrians and vehicles, cars or carriages, propelled or drawn by electrical, horse or other motive power, and may lay tracks on the said bridge and approaches for the passage of railway and other cars, and may charge tolls for the passage of cars, vehicles and pedestrians over the said bridge. 25

Tolls.

9. The rate of tolls to be charged for the passage of foot passengers, cars, carriages and other vehicles, shall, before being imposed, first be submitted to and approved of, and may be from time to time amended or modified by the Governor in Council, but the Company may, at any time, reduce the same, and a notice showing the tolls to be charged shall at all times be posted in a conspicuous place on the said bridge. 30 35

Plans of
bridge to be
approved.

10. The Company shall not commence the construction of the said bridge until it has first submitted to the Governor in Council plans of such bridge, and of all intended works thereunto appertaining, nor until such plans and the site of such bridge have been approved by the Governor in Council, and such conditions as he thinks fit for the public good to impose touching the said bridge and works have been complied with, nor shall such plans be altered, or any deviation therefrom be allowed, except by permission of the Governor in Council, and upon such conditions as he shall impose. 40 45

Equal rights
over bridge
to other
companies.

11. So soon as the said bridge is completed and ready for traffic all trains and cars of all railways, tramways and electric railways connecting therewith constructed or hereafter to be constructed, and also the trains and cars of all companies whose lines connect with the line of any company so connecting with the said bridge and approaches, shall have and be entitled to the same and equal rights and privileges in the passage of 50

the said bridge, so that no discrimination or preference in the passage of the said bridge and approaches, or in the tariff rates for transportation, shall be made in favour of or against any railway, tramway or electric railway whose trains pass over
5 the said bridge.

12. In case of any disagreement as to the rights of any railway whose trains cross or business passes over the said bridge, or as to traffic rates to be charged in respect thereof, the same shall be determined by the Railway Committee of
10 the Privy Council as provided in *The Railway Act*. Disagreements
respecting
traffic.

13. The Company may issue bonds, debentures or other securities to the extent of twenty five thousand dollars per mile of its railway and branches and such bonds and debentures or other securities may be issued only in proportion to
15 the length of railway constructed or under contract to be constructed. Bond issue
on railway.

14. The Company may also issue bonds, debentures or other securities to an amount not exceeding two hundred thousand dollars in aid of the bridge hereby authorized, and such bonds
20 may be secured by a deed of mortgage, and such deed of mortgage may contain provisions that all tolls and revenues derived from the use of the said bridge by other corporations or persons shall be specially charged and pledged as security
25 for such bonds, and may also provide that the Company pay to the trustees of such mortgage similar rates and tolls to those fixed for the use of the bridge by similar corporations, which rates and tolls shall also be charged as security for such bonds. Bond issue
on bridge.

15. The said railway and the extensions hereby authorized shall be completed within five years from the passing of this
30 Act, otherwise the powers conferred upon the Company by Parliament shall cease and be null and void as respects so much of the railway and extensions as then remains uncompleted. Time for
construction
limited.