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Prince Edward Bridge Company.

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**W**HEREAS a petition has been presented praying that it be Preamble.  
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, enacts as follows:—

**1.** William Edward Sprague, Isabella Edella Sutherland, Incorporation.  
Alberta Jane Ford, Jane C. Sutherland and Elizabeth Edella  
Sprague, together with such persons as become shareholders  
in the company, are hereby incorporated under the name of  
10 "The Belleville Prince Edward Bridge Company," herein- Corporate  
after called "the Company." name.

**2.** The persons named in section 1 of this Act are hereby Provisional  
constituted the provisional directors of the Company. directors.

**3.** The capital stock of the Company shall be forty thousand Capital stock.  
15 dollars, divided into shares of one hundred dollars each, which  
said capital stock is now fully paid up.

**4.** The head office of the Company shall be at the city of Head office.  
Belleville in the Province of Ontario.

**5.** The annual meeting of the shareholders shall be held on Annual  
the second Tuesday in March in each year. meeting.

**6.** At such meeting the subscribers for the capital stock Directors.  
assembled shall choose five persons to be directors of the  
Company, one or more of whom may be paid directors.

**7.** The Company may maintain, use and operate the bridge Bridge.  
now constructed across the Bay of Quinte from a point at or  
near the city of Belleville, in the county of Hastings, to a point  
on the opposite shore of the said Bay of Quinte, in the town-  
ship of Ameliasburg, in the county of Prince Edward, and  
25 the approaches thereto, for ordinary traffic purposes, and may Toll gates,  
30 construct and maintain toll gates and other necessary buildings etc.  
in connection with the working of the said bridge.

**8.** The rate of tolls to be charged to persons using the said Tariff of tolls.  
bridge shall be as follows : for every person on foot, five cents ;  
35 children under six years of age accompanied by parent or  
guardian, free ; for every horse and single carriage, wagon,  
cart or other vehicle and driver, ten cents ; for each additional

- horse, five cents; for each additional carriage, wagon, cart or other vehicle, five cents; for every horse and groom or rider, ten cents; for horses and cattle singly, ten cents each; for horses and cattle in droves of three or more, five cents each; for calves, sheep and swine, singly, five cents each; for calves, sheep and swine in droves of three or more, three cents each; for every hand cart or wheelbarrow or attendant, five cents each; but so long as all persons are charged equal rates and given equal privileges and facilities the directors may, as they think proper, charge less than the rates above fixed: 10
- Approval. Provided, however, that the tolls from time to time charged by the Company shall first be approved by the Governor in Council.
- General meetings. **9.** Notice of every general meeting of the Company shall be given by advertising the same in, at least, one newspaper 15 published in the city of Belleville, and in the *Canada Gazette* for the period of two weeks before the date of such meeting, which advertisement shall state the time and place of holding the meeting and the business to be transacted thereat, unless the shareholders representing a majority of the shares in the 20 Company consent in writing to dispense with the publication of such advertisement.
- Borrowing powers. **10.** The Company may borrow from time to time, in Canada or elsewhere, such sums of money as are expedient for repairing, maintaining and working the said bridge, with the build- 25 ings and fixtures required therewith, at a rate of interest authorized by the laws of Canada, but not exceeding eight per cent, and may make the bonds, debentures or other securities granted for the sums so borrowed payable either in currency or in sterling, and at such places within or without Canada as 30 are deemed advisable, and may sell the same at such prices or discount as is deemed expedient or necessary, and may hypothecate, mortgage or pledge the lands, tolls, revenue and other property, real and personal, of the Company, for the due payment of the said sums and the interest thereon; but no such 35 debentures shall be for a less sum than one hundred dollars.
- Registration of mortgage. **2.** Upon such mortgage being registered in the registry offices for the county of Hastings and the county of Prince Edward in the Province of Ontario, it shall, until discharged, be a valid and binding charge upon all the property, real and 40 personal of the Company.
- Tolls. **11.** The directors shall keep exhibited in every place where the tolls are to be collected, in some conspicuous place therein, a printed board or paper showing all the tolls payable, and particularising the price or sum of money to be 45 charged or taken for the passage of any matter, vehicle, animal or person over the said bridge, as fixed by the directors from time to time, as in this Act provided; and such tolls shall be paid to such persons and at such places at, upon or near the bridge or its approaches, in such manner, and under such 50 regulations as the directors of the Company direct; and in case any person forcibly passes through any of the said toll gates or over or upon the said bridge or its approaches without first having paid the proper toll, or interrupts or disturbs the
- Payment.
- Penalty for obstruction, etc.

Company or any person employed by the Company in building or repairing the same, such person so offending shall, for every offence, forfeit a sum not exceeding ten dollars, to be recovered before a magistrate or justice of the peace, and in default of  
5 payment may, in the discretion of such magistrate or justice of the peace, be imprisoned for a term not exceeding ten days.

**12.** The Company shall have the powers of expropriation, so far as necessary for its purposes, given to railway companies by *The Railway Act*. Expropriation.  
1888, c. 29.