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(PRIVATE BILL.)

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An Act to incorporate the Clifton Suspension  
Bridge Company.

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An Act to incorporate the Clifton Suspension Bridge Company.

WHEREAS the construction of a bridge across the Niagara River within a short distance of Niagara Falls would materially conduce to the welfare of the inhabitants of the Village of Clifton and the surrounding country: And whereas Hervy W. Price, of the Village of Chippawa, Esquire; Nelson Forsyth, of the Village of Fort Erie, Esquire, and John Jermy Macaulay, of the City of Toronto, Esquire, have prayed to be incorporated with the powers necessary for the building and maintaining of such bridge: Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows:

Preamble.

10 I. The said Hervy W. Price, Nelson Forsyth and John Jermy Macaulay, together with such persons as shall under the provisions of this Act become shareholders in such Company, as is hereinafter mentioned, and their successors and assigns, shall be and are hereby constituted and declared to be a body politic and corporate, in fact by and under the 15 name of the Clifton Suspension Bridge Company.

Company incorporated.

Corporate name.

II. The said Company, at their own cost and charges, shall have full power under this Act to build and construct a suspension bridge for carriages and foot passengers only, across the Niagara River, at a distance of not less than three quarters of a mile to the southward of the 20 present Railway Suspension Bridge across the said river, built at the eastern terminus of the Great Western Railway.

Company may build the bridge at Clifton.

III. The capital stock of the said company shall be one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars, to be divided into seventeen hundred and fifty shares of one hundred dollars each, which amount shall be raised 25 by the parties hereto and such other persons as shall come into the said corporation as above mentioned, and as may become subscribers to the said stock: And the said money so raised shall be applied towards the payment and discharge of the fees and expenses incurred in procuring the passing of this Act, and for making the plans, estimates and surveys 30 necessary for building the said bridge, and to building the same.

Capital. Shares.

How to be applied.

IV. The said company shall have power to accept all deeds and conveyances necessary for conveying to them the lands required for the immediate purposes of the said bridge, and to hold the same and dispose thereof and of any part thereof if necessary: The directors shall be elected 35 according to the by-laws hereafter to be passed by the said company. That the first election of Directors shall take place within two months after the passing of this Act; Every share shall constitute one vote; the election for directors shall be viva voce, and if there shall be a tie at any such election then the president shall have the casting

Power to hold real property.

Election of directors.

Votes.

By-laws for tolls.      vote; the said elections shall be held yearly after the first election of Directors; the by-laws to be passed at the first meeting shall fix the amount of tolls to be charged on the said bridge for all persons, cattle, horses and vehicles passing over it; no call shall exceed the sum of twenty-five per cent. on each share, and the calls may be made every two months till the principal is paid up.      5

Company may give bills and notes, &c.      V. The said company may give bills or notes not exceeding two hundred dollars each: Each bill or promissory note drawn, accepted or indorsed by the president of the company, shall be good and binding on the said company, and all such notes, bills and all contracts entered into by the said company shall be presumed to have been properly drawn, endorsed and entered into by the said company, unless the contrary be shewn.      10

Tolls limited.      VI. The said company shall be and are hereby authorized to impose tolls not exceeding those mentioned in the Schedule A. upon all persons, vehicles, and animals passing on the bridge aforesaid.      15

Forfeiture for non-payment of calls.      VII. If any shareholder shall not pay up all subscriptions and calls on the capital stock of the said company within one month after the said calls shall have been declared to be payable by the by-laws of the said company, such stock may be declared forfeited at the next meeting of the directors; And after such forfeiture is declared such stockholder shall lose all sums and subscriptions previously paid by him.      20

Company not to be bankers.      VIII. This Act shall not confer any banking powers on the said company.      25

Application of taxes on the bridge.      IX. All taxes which may be assessable on the said bridge shall be applied towards the maintaining of a police force in the said town of Clifton.      30

Power to take land for site, &c.      X. The said company shall be at liberty to use any Ordnance or Government lands that may be necessary for the purposes of obtaining a landing place or crossing for the said bridge, on paying a reasonable price therefor; and in case of any dispute arising as to the value thereof, the same shall be referred to three arbitrators, one to be chosen by the Government of Canada, one by the company, and the third by the mayor of the town of Clifton, a majority of whom shall decide the price to be paid; and if either party shall neglect for one month to appoint an arbitrator, the opposite party may name one; and the decision of such majority shall be final.      35

Mails to pass free.      XI. Her Majesty's mails shall at all times be exempted from tolls on the said bridge.      40

Public Act.      XII. This Act shall be deemed a public Act.      45

SCHEDULE A.

Every carriage drawn by one horse .....	\$0.25
Every additional horse .....	0.10
Every saddle horse .....	0.10
Every passenger, excepting the driver of any carriage .....	0.15
Every head of horned cattle .....	0.06
Every sheep, swine .....	0.03
Every foot passenger .....	0.15