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An Act to incorporate the Ontario and
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First reading, April 4, 1899.

(PRIVATE BILL.)

Mr. BELCOURT.

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WHEREAS a petition has been presented praying 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, enacts as follows :—

Preamble.

1. Alexander Fraser, John Burns Fraser, David Maclaren, James Davidson, Charles Magee, Edward Seybold, William Dowler Morris, Charles Bryson and Crawford Ross, all of the city of Ottawa ; Henry Ayley and Théophile Viau, both of the city of Hull ; William Jackson Conroy and Robert Hughes Conroy, of Deschênes, together with such persons as become shareholders in the company, are hereby incorporated under the name of "The Ontario and Quebec Bridge Company," hereinafter called "the Company."

Incorporation.

Corporate name.

2. The said Alexander Fraser, Edward Seybold, David Maclaren, James Davidson, Charles Magee, John Burns Fraser and William Jackson Conroy, named in section 1 of this Act, are hereby constituted provisional directors of the Company.

Provisional directors.

3. The capital stock of the Company shall be two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, 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.

Capital stock and calls thereon.

4. The head office of the Company shall be at the city of Ottawa, in the province of Ontario.

Head office.

5. The annual meeting of the shareholders shall be held on the second Tuesday in May in each year, at the head office of the Company, or at such other place in Canada as the shareholders determine by by-law.

Annual meeting.

6. At such meeting the subscribers for the capital stock assembled, who have paid all calls due on their shares, shall choose seven persons to be directors of the Company, one or more of whom may be paid directors.

Election of directors.

7. The Company may construct, maintain and use a bridge with the necessary approaches thereto, across the Ottawa River from some point in the city of Ottawa, in the province of Ontario, between the easterly side of Bank Street and the westerly side of Kent Street produced to the river, to some

Power to construct bridge.

point in the city of Hull, in the province of Quebec, 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 toll for the passage of cars and vehicles over the said bridge. 5

Tolls.

8. The rate of tolls to be charged for the passage of 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. 10

Plans to be approved by Governor in Council.

9. 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. 20

Union with other companies.

10. The Company may, with the approval of two-thirds of the votes of the shareholders at a special general meeting duly called for the purposes following,—at which meeting shareholders representing at least two-thirds in value of the stock are present or represented by proxy, and after obtaining the sanction of the Governor in Council in the manner provided in section 239 of *The Railway Act*:— 25 30

To build bridge.

(a.) Unite with any other company incorporated under the laws of Canada, the province of Ontario or the province of Quebec, or with any body corporate, in building the said bridge and approaches, and in maintaining, working, managing and using the same, and may enter into any agreement with such company or corporation, respecting the construction, maintenance, management and use thereof: 35

To sell or lease bridge.

(b.) Enter into an agreement with any such company for selling or leasing the said bridge, and its approaches, to such company in whole or in part, or any rights or powers acquired by it, and also the franchises, surveys, plans, works, plant, machinery and other property to it belonging, or for an amalgamation with such company. 40

Equal rights in passage of bridge to all railways.

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 with the same, then 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 the said bridge, so that no discrimination or preference in the passage of the said bridge and approaches, or in 45 50

the tariff rates for transportation, shall be made in favor of or against any railway, tramway or electric railway whose trains pass over the said bridge.

12. In case of any disagreement as to the rights of any company whose trains or cars 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 the Privy Council, as provided in *The Railway Act*. Disputes to be determined by Railway Committee.

13. The Company may issue bonds, debentures, or other securities to an amount not exceeding two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, in aid of the construction herein mentioned, and such bonds may be secured by a mortgage, and such 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 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. Issue of bonds.

14. The bridge shall be commenced within two years and completed within five years from the passing of this Act, otherwise the powers hereby granted shall cease and be null and void as respects so much of the works as then remains uncompleted. Time for construction limited.

15. *The Railway Act*, so far as applicable, shall apply to the Company and its undertaking. 1888, c. 29.