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BILL.

An Act to incorporate the Ontario and
Quebec Bridge Company.

First reading, February 18th, 1898.

(PRIVATE BILL.)

Mr. BELCOURT.

OTTAWA
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An Act to incorporate the Ontario and Quebec Bridge Company.

WHEREAS a petition has been presented praying for the Preamble.
incorporation of a company to construct a bridge across
the Ottawa River, and for other purposes, as hereinafter set
forth, and it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said
5 petition : Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and
consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada,
enacts as follows :—

1. Alexander Fraser, John Burns Fraser, David Maclaren, Incorpora-
Henry Newell Bate, James Davidson, Charles Magee, Edward tion.
10 Seybold, William Dowler Morris, Thomas Lindsay, Charles
Bryson and Crawford Ross, all of the city of Ottawa ; Alex-
ander Maclaren of the village of Buckingham ; Henry Aylen
and Théophile Viau both of the city of Hull ; William Jack-
son Conroy and Robert Hughes Conroy, of Deschênes, together
15 with such persons as become shareholders in the company
hereby incorporated, are hereby constituted a body corporate
under the name of "The Ontario and Quebec Bridge Com- Corporate
pany," hereinafter called "the Company." name.

2. *The Railway Act*, in so far as applicable, shall apply to 1888, c. 29.
20 the Company and its undertakings.

3. The Company may construct, maintain and use a bridge Power to
with the necessary approaches thereto, across the Ottawa construct a
River from some point in the city of Ottawa, in the province bridge.
of Ontario, between the easterly side of Bank Street and the
25 westerly side of Kent Street produced to the river, to some
point in the city of Hull, in the province of Quebec, for rail-
way 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
30 and approaches for the passage of railway and other cars, and
may charge toll for the passage of cars, vehicles and pedestrians
over the said bridge.

4. The rate of tolls to be charged for the passage of foot Tolls.
passengers, cars, carriages and other vehicles, shall, before being
35 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.

Plans to be approved by Governor in Council.

5. 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, but the Company may in the meantime acquire the lands necessary for the purposes of its undertaking and do all other things authorized by this Act, except the commencement of the actual construction or erection of the said bridge.

Union with other companies.

6. The Company may, with the approval of two-thirds of the votes of the shareholders at a special general meeting duly called for the purpose of considering the same, 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* :—

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;

To sell or lease bridge.

(b.) enter into an agreement with any such company for the selling or leasing of 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.

Equal rights of passage to all railways.

7. As soon as the said bridge is completed and ready for traffic, all railways in Canada now constructed or hereafter to be constructed 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 traffic rates of transportation shall be made in favour of or against any such railway whose business or cars pass over the said bridge.

Disputes to be determined by Railway Committee.

8. 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 the Privy Council as provided in *The Railway Act*.

Provisional directors.

9. The said Alexander Fraser, David Maclaren, James Davidson, Charles Magee, William Jackson Conroy, Alexander Maclaren and Henry Newell Bate, named in section 1 of this Act, are hereby constituted provisional directors of the Company.

10. 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.

5 **11.** The head office of the Company shall be at the city of Ottawa, in the province of Ontario. Head office.

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

13. 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.

15 **14.** 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 deed of mortgage and such deed of mortgage may contain provisions that all tolls Issue of bonds.
20 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
25 similar corporations, which rates and tolls shall also be charged as security for such bonds.

15. The bridge shall be commenced within nine months after the plans have been approved by the Governor in Council, and completed within two years thereafter, and in Time limited for construction.
30 default of the performance of either of these conditions the powers hereby granted shall cease and be null and void as respects such of the works as then remain uncompleted.

16. Any Act hereafter passed for the purpose of controlling railway companies incorporated by or subject to Parliament as Power of Parliament as to future legislation.
35 to the issuing of stock or bonds, and as to rates or tolls and the regulation thereof, and as to running powers over or other rights in connection with the railway of any company by any other company, and the exercise of powers conferred upon railway companies, shall apply to the Company from the time
40 such Act goes into effect; but this section shall not be construed to imply that such Act would not apply to the Company without the enactment of this section.