

*Acts of the General Assembly of Her Majesty's Province of New-Brunswick passed in the year 1845.* Fredericton, NB: John Simpson, Printer to the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, 1845.

8 Victoria – Chapter 52

**A Bill to incorporate the Saint Croix Bridge Company. Passed 27th March 1845.**

Be it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly, That Thomas Wyer, Harris Hatch, Nehemiah Marks, Ninian Lindsay, William Todd, Junior, Daniel Sullivan, William Porter, George S. Hill, their Associates, Successors, and Assigns, be and they are hereby created and declared to be a Body Politic and Corporate, by the name of 'The Saint Croix Bridge Company,' and by that name have all the general powers and privileges made incident to a Corporation by Act of Assembly in this Province, and may make any Bye Laws for the management of their concerns not repugnant to the Laws of the Empire and of this Province, and may choose a Clerk, Treasurer, and any other Officer proper for the management of their Corporate business by a majority of votes present, allowing one vote to each Share; provided that no individual be entitled to more than ten votes on his Shares,

II. And be it enacted, That the said Bridge shall be established and continued where it now is in the Parish of Saint Stephen, in the County of Charlotte, in this Province, that is to say, from the Public Highway, nearly opposite the dwelling house of James Hannah, to the centre of the River Saint Croix, a short distance below the Salt Water Falls, (so called,) and said Bridge shall be kept in good repair and condition for the convenience and safety of Passengers, and a passage way for Lumber shall be kept open under the same at least thirty feet wide.

III. And be it enacted, That a Toll be and is hereby granted for the benefit of the said Corporation according to the following rates :—For each Foot Passenger, one penny half penny; One Person and Horse, two pence half penny; A Horse and Cart or Waggon, four pence; A Horse and Sleigh or Chaise, or other pleasure Carriage drawn by one Horse, six pence; Each Team, including Cart, Waggon, Sled or Sleigh drawn by two Oxen, ten pence; And for every additional Beast, one half penny; Four Wheeled Carriages with two Horses, one shilling; For every additional Horse, two pence half penny; Beast of burden, exclusive of those rode upon or in Carriages, two pence each; Sheep and Swine, one half penny each; And to each Team one person only shall be allowed, as driver, to pass free of Toll: and at all times when the Toll gatherer shall not attend his duty, the Gate or Gates shall be left open, and the Toll shall be collected in such manner as may be prescribed by the said Corporation; and as the Tolls are collected, the rates of Toll, and all others which may be hereafter granted, shall be fairly and legibly printed in large letters, and kept constantly exposed to the view of Passengers; Provided however, That after ten years from the time when this Act shall come into operation, the rate of Toll shall be subject to the further regulation of the Legislature.

IV. And be it enacted, That either of the persons named in the first section of this Act, may call the first meeting of the said Corporation, by posting up a notification thereof in two public places in the said Parish of Saint Stephen and Town of Saint Andrews, at least seven days before such

meeting, and specifying in such notice the time and place of meeting, which meeting shall be holden in the said Parish of Saint Stephen.

V. And be it enacted, That the above rates of Toll shall be in full for passing the said Bridge to the opposite bank of the said River.

VI. And be it enacted, That no Horse or other Beast, or Carriage of any kind, shall be taken or driven over the said Bridge at a pace faster than a walk on pain of a forfeiture of twenty shillings for every offence, to be recovered in an action of debt before any Justice of the Peace, on complaint of the Toll Gatherer or any proprietor in the Stock of the said Bridge, and legal proof thereof; the money, when recovered, to be applied to the use of the said Corporation.

VII. And be it enacted, That any person who shall run or evade the payment of Toll for crossing the said Bridge, shall forfeit and pay, for the use of the said Corporation, the sum of ten shillings for every offence, to be recovered as is directed in the last preceding section of this Act.

VIII. And be it enacted, That this Act shall continue and be in force until the first day of May one thousand eight hundred and sixty five, and no longer, and then be subject to renewal on such terms and rates of Toll as may be just and equitable.