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An Act to incorporate the Middle Bridge Company at Saint Stephen. Passed 6th April 1858.

Section.

1. Company incorporated, with general powers; bye laws, officers, and votes.
2. Bridge to remain in present position.
3. Tolls granted; rate.

Section.

4. First meeting, how called.
5. Penalty for pace faster than a walk.
6. Penalty for evading payment of toll.
7. Limitation of Act.

Be it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council, and Assembly, as follows:—

1. That Henry T. Eaton, Joseph E. Eaton, Stephen H. Hitchings, L. H. M'Allister, Daniel 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 Middle 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 the Corporate business, by a majority of votes present, allowing one vote to each share, provided that no individual be entitle to more than ten votes on his shares.
2. The said Bridge shall be established and continue 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 running near the lower mills in Milltown Village, and near to and below these mills; and said Bridge shall be kept in good repair and condition for the convenience and safety of the passengers, and a passage-way for logs and lumber of at least seventy five feet wide.
3. A toll is hereby granted for the benefit of the said Corporation according to the following rates:—For each foot passenger, one penny; one person and horse, two pence halfpenny; a horse and cart or waggon, four pence; a horse and sleigh or chaise, or other pleasure carriage drawn by one horse, four pence; cart teams, including cart, waggon, sled or sleigh drawn by two oxen, two 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; beasts of burthen exclusive of those rode upon or in carriages, two pence; 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-keeper shall not attend to 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 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 rates of toll shall be subject to the further regulation of the Legislature.

4. 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 Parish of Saint Stephen, 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.

5. No horse or other beast or carriage of any kind shall be taken or driven over said Bridge or any part thereof 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 said Bridge, and legal proof thereof; the money when recovered to be applied to the use of the said Corporation.

6. Any person who 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.

7. This Act shall continue and be in force until the first day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy six and then be subject to renewal on such terms and rates of toll as may be just and equitable.