

Privy Council Railway Committee 28 June 1894
Application by Brockville and New York Bridge Company for approval of proposed
bridge across the St. Lawrence at Brockville.

Committee approved the plan except that instead of one span there shall be two spans of 672 feet each over the Canadian portion, the same as over the US channel of the river.

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Committee approved revised plan from the company, now known as the Brockville and St. Lawrence Bridge Co. Rescinds order of 29 June 1894.

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Whereas the persons hereinafter named have petitioned for power to build a railway bridge across the St. Lawrence river at some point at or in the vicinity of the town of Brockville or township of Elizabethtown, in the County of Leeds and Province of Ontario, and for the incorporation of a company for that purpose; and it is expedient to grant the prayer of said petition: Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:-

1. Robert G. Hervey, Samuel Thomas, Calvin S. Brice, Josephus, Clarkson Jones, Samuel Keefer and William B. Smellie, together with such persons who become shareholders in the Company hereby incorporated, are hereby constituted a body corporate under the name of the "Brockville and New York Bridge Company;" and the said Company shall have full power and authority to purchase, acquire, take and hold such lands, lands covered by water, beaches and other property as may be necessary for the purpose of constructing the said bridge or for the convenient approaches to the same, and also for the construction of such branch railway, not exceeding four miles in length, as may be necessary to make connections or to approach the said bridge.
2. "*The Consolidated Railway Act, 1879,*" and its amendments in so far as it and they are applicable to the said Company, are hereby incorporated with this Act, and shall form part thereof and be construed therewith as forming one Act.
3. The Company hereby incorporated may construct, maintain, work and manage a railway bridge across the St. Lawrence river for railway purposes, from some point at or in the vicinity of the town of Brockville or township of Elizabethtown, in the county of Leeds and province of Ontario, towards the village of Morrystown or other point near thereto in St. Lawrence county, in the State of New York, one of the United States of America.
4. The Company may work trains by steam or other power for passenger and freight traffic between the State of New York and the county of Leeds over the bridge hereby authorized to be constructed and may connect the said trains with other railways.

5. The persons named in the first section are constituted the board of provisional directors of the said Company and shall hold office until the first election of directors under this Act: and shall have power and authority, immediately after passing of this Act, to open stock books and procure subscriptions of stock for the undertaking, giving at least two weeks' previous notice by advertisement in a newspaper published in the town of Brockville, of the time and place of the meeting to receive subscriptions of stock; and the said provisional directors may cause surveys and plans to be made and executed, and may acquire any plans and surveys now existing, and it shall be their duty, as hereinafter provided, to call a general meeting of shareholders for the election of directors.

6. The said provisional directors may allocate and apportion the stock subscribed amongst the subscribers as they deem most advantageous and conducive to the furtherance of the undertaking.

7. The capital stock of the said Company shall be two million dollars, divided into twenty thousand shares of one hundred dollars each.

8. As soon as two hundred thousand dollars of the said capital stock has been subscribed -- the provisional directors shall call a meeting of shareholders -- to elect not less than seven and not more than fifteen directors.

9. Annual general meeting to be held in Brockville -- on the first Wednesday of June each year.—

10. Calls on stock and limited liability.

11. Issue of bonds or debenture stock with sanction of shareholders.
Voting power of shareholders in default of payment.

12. Transfer of bonds and coupons.

13. Power to mortgage bonds.

14. Company may be parties to promissory notes.

15. Register of debenture stock.

16. Certificates of debenture stock.

17. Regulations as to transfer of shares.

18. Power to collect back charges on goods.

19. Form of conveyance of land to Company.

20. Powers respecting telegraph and telephone lines.

21. It shall be lawful for the said Company to enter into and perform any such agreements as they may, from time to time, deem expedient, with any municipality, corporation or person, for the construction or for the maintenance and repair of gravel or other public roads leading to the said bridge.
22. Paid up stock may be issued for services.
23. Contracts may be entered into.
24. The said Company shall not commence the said bridge, or any work thereto appertaining, until the Company have submitted to the Governor in Council plans of such bridge and all intended works thereto 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 any such plan be altered or any deviation therefrom allowed except by the permission of the Governor in Council and upon such conditions as he imposed: Provided always that the said bridge shall be constructed so as not materially to obstruct the navigation of the St. Lawrence river; and the use of the said bridge shall be subject to such regulations as, from time to time, are approved by the Governor in Council: Provided also, that before commencing the works of the said bridge or taking possession of any part of the beach or land covered with water or islands of other property of the Crown, the company shall obtain the consent of the Governor in Council who may impose such terms and conditions as he thinks proper before granting permission to commence the works or take possession of any property of the Crown as aforesaid: Provided also, that the navigation of the river shall not unnecessarily be obstructed by such works.
25. From sundown to sunrise during the season of navigation suitable lights shall be maintained upon the said bridge to guide vessels approaching the said bridge; and it shall be the duty of the said Company during the construction of the said bridge to put up and maintain in the night time during the season of navigation a good and sufficient light at each end of any cofferdam or pier which is erected by the said Company.
26. It shall be lawful for the said Company to enter into agreements with other companies in Canada or the United States as to the use of the bridge—
27. When bridge is completed there shall be no discrimination in rates or toll—
28. Arbitration in case of disagreement.
29. Amalgamation with a company in the US.
30. Proceedings for amalgamation.
31. Such agreement to be submitted to shareholders.

Proceedings at meetings for the purpose of considering it.

32. New corporation following agreement and act of consolidation.

33. Property transferred to the new corporation.

34. The Company shall have power to construct as part of or in connection with the said railway bridge, a passage floor or way for horses, carriages and foot passengers; and they may make the same either during the construction of the said railway bridge or at any time after the completion thereof; but the construction of the works authorized by this section shall not be commenced until the plans of the same have first been submitted and approved by the Governor in Council; and in the event of the Company electing to construct such way or foot bridge, they may make, amend, repeal, re-enact and enforce all such by-laws, rules and regulations as seem to them proper and necessary as to the management, control and use thereof, and as to the tolls and fares to be received and charged for passing over the same.

35. The provisions of "*The Consolidated Railway Act, 1879,*" and its amendments, with respect to tariffs, rates and fares, shall apply to the said Company, and to the tolls, rates and fares to be charged by them.

36. The works shall be commenced within three years and completed within six years from the passing of this Act.

Schedule to be filled in for transfer of land.