

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Seventy-first Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 166

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND THREE.

AN ACT to incorporate the St. John River Toll Bridge
Company.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in
Legislature assembled, as follows:*

Section 1. Allan E. Hammond, Peter C. Keegan, Charles
2 A. Milliken, Arthur W. Brown, Thomas Malcolm, Thomas
3 J. Cochran, John M. Stevens, Henry A. Gagnon, and Earle
4 H. Gowing, their associates, successors and assigns, are
5 hereby constituted a body corporate and politic, by the name
6 of the St. John River Toll Bridge Company, for the purpose
7 of erecting and keeping in repair a bridge across the St. John
8 river between the town of Van Buren, in the county of
9 Aroostook, in the State of Maine, and the parish of St.
10 Leonards, in the county of Madawaska, in the province of

11 New Brunswick, and for said purpose and all others herein
12 mentioned or incidental thereto, may consolidate or unite with
13 any corporation organized for a similar purpose, acting in
14 behalf of, or under, or by virtue of an act or authority granted
15 by the legislature of the province of New Brunswick, or the
16 parliament of the Dominion of Canada, and all of the author-
17 ity which may be conferred by such act of the legislature
18 or parliament aforesaid, is likewise authorized and granted
19 by this act, to the corporation formed by such consolidation,
20 even though not specifically mentioned herein; and said cor-
21 poration, or the corporation formed by such consolidation,
22 shall have power to purchase and hold such personal and
23 real estate as may be necessary for the use and purposes of
24 said corporation, and the more advantageous carrying on of
25 its business and accomplishment of its objects; may prose-
26 cute and defend suits at law, may have and use a common
27 seal, may make by-laws for the management of their con-
28 cerns, not repugnant to the laws of the State, and shall enjoy
29 all the other powers and privileges incident to or usually
30 granted to similar corporations.

Sect. 2. Said bridge shall be erected across the St. John
2 river opposite Van Buren village, in the town of Van Buren,
3 in the most practicable place, shall be constructed of good
4 materials, of a suitable height from the water, and not less
5 than twenty-four feet wide, with suitable and sufficient cover-
6 ings and railings for the safety of passengers, and sufficient
7 passage ways shall be left for the passage of boats, rafts, logs
8 and lumber.

Sect. 3. A toll is hereby granted and established for the
2 benefit of this corporation, or the corporation formed by such
3 consolidation, according to the rates following, to wit:—for
4 every foot passenger five cents, for each horse and rider
5 eight cents, for each sleigh, sled, cart, wagon, chaise, chair

6 or sulky drawn by one beast ten cents, for each sleigh, sled,
7 cart or wagon drawn by two beasts fifteen cents, for each
8 additional horse or beast beyond two in sleighs, sleds, carts
9 or wagons five cents, for droves of neat cattle, horses, mules
10 and asses three cents, for sheep and swine two cents each,
11 and no additional toll shall be charged for persons actually
12 travelling in any of the vehicles above named, but this excep-
13 tion shall not extend to persons taken in for the purpose of
14 avoiding toll, and only one person as a driver to each team
15 shall be allowed to pass free of toll, and said tolls may be
16 commuted by this corporation or such corporation formed
17 by the union or consolidation as aforesaid, by taking of him
18 or them a smaller sum for the season, or for tickets sold in
19 quantities.

Sect. 4. At the place of collecting tolls, this corporation,
2 or the corporation formed by such union or consolidation,
3 shall keep constantly exposed to the public view a board or
4 sign upon which shall be plainly printed the rates of toll
5 aforesaid; and whenever the toll gatherer shall be absent
6 from the toll-house, the gates shall be left open and the bridge
7 toll free, and said toll shall commence on the days when the
8 bridge is first opened for passengers.

Sect. 5. If this corporation or a corporation formed by the
2 union or consolidation of this corporation as provided for in
3 this act, shall fail to begin the erection of such bridge within
4 four years from the approval of this act, and to have the
5 same ready for use by the first of May, in the year of our
6 Lord one thousand nine hundred and eight, then this act
7 shall be void and of no effect.

Sect. 6. The capital stock of said corporation shall be forty
2 thousand dollars, which may be increased to fifty thousand
3 dollars by a vote of said corporation, and be divided into
4 shares of one hundred dollars each, and said company may
5 issue bonds to an amount not exceeding the amount of its

6 capital stock, for the construction of its bridge, to be secured
7 by mortgage on its real and personal estate and franchise.

Sect. 7. Any three of the persons named in the first section
2 of this act, may call the first meeting of the corporation
3 intended to be formed under the provisions of this act, by
4 giving in hand to each of the corporators, or by mailing to
5 him a notice of the time and place of meeting for the purpose
6 of organizing, seven days before the day of meeting.

Sect. 8. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
AUGUSTA, February 20, 1903.

Reported by Mr. GAGNON of Van Buren, from Committee on Ways
and Bridges, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*