

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 283

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*House of Representatives, Feb. 24, 1911.*

*Reported by Mr. Tucker from Committee on Ways and  
Bridges and ordered printed under joint rules.*

*C. C. HARVEY, Clerk.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to incorporate the Fort Kent and Clairs Toll Bridge  
Company.

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*Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:*

Section 1. William H. Cunliffe, Frank W. Mallett, A. G.  
2 Fenlason, David C. Burpee, J. Raymond Burpee, William D.  
3 Burpee, their associates, successors and assigns, are hereby  
4 constituted a body corporate and politic by the name of Fort  
5 Kent and Clairs Toll Bridge Company, for the purpose of  
6 erecting and keeping in repair a bridge across the Saint John  
7 river between the town of Fort Kent, in the county of Aroos-  
8 took, in the state of Maine, and the parish of Clairs, in the  
9 county of Madawaska, in the province of New Brunswick,  
10 and for said purpose and all others herein mentioned or inci-

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

Sect. 2. Said bridge shall be erected across the Saint John  
2 river opposite Fort Kent village, in the town of Fort Kent,  
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 cov-  
6 erings and railings for the safety of passengers and sufficient  
7 passage ways shall be left for the passage of boats, rafts,  
8 logs and timber.

Sect. 3. A toll is hereby granted and established for the benefit of this corporation or the corporation formed by such consolidation, according to the rates following, namely: For every foot passenger five cents, for each horse and rider eight cents, for each sleigh, sled, cart, wagon, chaise, chair or sulky drawn by one beast ten cents, for each sleigh, sled, cart or wagon drawn by two beasts fifteen cents, for each additional horse or beast beyond two in sleighs, sleds, carts or wagons five cents, for droves of neat cattle, horses, mules and asses, three cents, for sheep and swine two cents each, and no additional toll shall be charged for persons actually traveling in any of the vehicles above named, but this exception shall not extend to persons taken in for the purpose of avoiding toll, and only one person as a driver to each team shall be allowed to pass free of toll, and said tolls may be commuted by this corporation or such corporation formed by the union or consolidation as aforesaid, by taking of him or them a smaller sum for the season, or for tickets sold in quantities.

Sect. 4. At the place of collecting tolls, this corporation, or the corporation formed by such union or consolidation, shall keep constantly exposed to the public view a board or sign upon which shall be plainly printed the rates of toll aforesaid; and whenever the toll gatherer shall be absent from the toll house, the gates shall be left open and the bridge toll free, and said toll shall commence on the day when the 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 fifteen, then this act  
7 shall be void and of no effect.

Sect. 6. The capital stock of said corporation shall be fifty  
2 thousand dollars, and be divided into shares of one hundred  
3 dollars each, and said company may issue bonds to an amount  
4 not exceeding the amount of its capital stock, for the con-  
5 struction of its bridge, to be secured by mortgage on its real  
6 and personal estate and franchise.

Sect. 7. Any three of the persons named in the first sec-  
2 tion 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 incorporators, or by mailing to  
5 him a notice of the time and place of meeting for the pur-  
6 pose of organizing, seven days before the day of meeting.