



## CHAPTER 81.

### An Act respecting the Fraser River Bridge Company, Limited.

[Assented to 7th March, 1927.]

**W**HEREAS the Fraser River Bridge Company, Limited, a Com- Preamble.  
pany duly incorporated under the laws of the Province of British Columbia, has petitioned for the passing of an Act granting it power to erect and operate a toll-bridge across the Fraser River at or near Ladner as hereinafter set forth, and it is expedient to grant the prayer of the petition:

Therefore, His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, enacts as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the “Fraser River Bridge Company, Limited, Act, 1927.” Short title.

2. The Fraser River Bridge Company, Limited, is authorized and empowered to lay out, erect, construct, establish, maintain, operate, and use a bridge for foot-passengers, vehicles, animals, and other things across the Fraser River, together with necessary approaches, from some convenient point or points on the south shore at or near Ladner to a point or points on Lulu Island. Site and erection of toll bridge.

3. The said Company shall have full power and authority to take and use all lands reasonably required for such purposes, first, however, making reasonable compensation for the lands so to be taken, occupied, damaged, or affected thereby; such compensation, in case of disagreement, to be settled by three arbitrators, one to be appointed by each party and a third to be appointed by such two arbitrators; and the provisions of the “Arbitration Act” shall apply to such arbitration. Power to expropriate.

Use of streets.

4. For the purposes aforesaid, the said Company shall have full power and authority to take, use, and occupy such portion of any public highway, street, or lane as may be required, upon first being authorized so to do by resolution of the Council of the municipality in which such portion of the said public highway, street, or lane is situate.

Property vested.

5. The said bridge, approaches, and appurtenances thereto shall be vested in the said Company, its successors and assigns.

Toll rates.

6. When and so soon as the said bridge shall be erected, it shall be lawful for the said Company from time to time, and at all times thereafter, to ask, demand, receive, take, sue for, and recover, to and for its own proper use, benefit, and behoof, for pontage before any passage over the said bridge is permitted, tolls not to exceed the several sums herein set forth for one passage over the bridge for each of the following, that is to say: For pedestrian,  $7\frac{1}{2}$  cents; automobile, 25 cents; passenger, 5 cents; motor-cycle,  $7\frac{1}{2}$  cents; truck, half-ton 20 cents, one-ton 25 cents, two-ton 35 cents, three-ton 45 cents, five-ton 75 cents; trailer, 25 cents; stage or bus, \$1.50; horse-drawn vehicle, 25 cents; and all vehicles not specified in the above at proportionate rates; horse, with or without rider, 25 cents; other animals in proportion.

Penalty for non-payment of tolls.

7. If any person shall forcibly pass through any of the toll-gates or over or upon the bridge without first having paid proper toll, or shall interrupt or disturb the said Company or any person or persons employed by them in building or repairing the same, such person so offending shall for every offence forfeit a sum not exceeding twenty dollars, to be recovered before a Police Magistrate or a Justice of the Peace, and in default of payment may, in the discretion of such Police Magistrate or Justice, be imprisoned in the common gaol for a period not exceeding thirty days.

Approval of plans.

8. Notwithstanding anything hereinbefore contained, the said Company shall not have, possess, or exercise any of the rights, powers, or authorities contained or referred to in this Act until it shall have submitted to the Governor-General in Council and the Councils of the Municipalities of Richmond and Delta plans of the bridge proposed to be built, nor until such plans and the site shall have been approved of by the Governor-General in Council and the Councils of the said municipalities, nor until the said Company shall have entered into an agreement or agreements with the said municipalities concerning the said bridge and any matters of any nature whatsoever in relation to the said bridge on such terms as the said municipalities shall require, including, inter alia, but so as not to restrict the generality of the foregoing, construction, surety, tolls, operation, acquisition of the said bridge and appurtenances by both or either of the said municipalities; and the respective Councils

of the said municipalities are hereby authorized and empowered to enter into such agreement by by-laws passed by the respective Councils.

9. Nothing in this Act contained shall be deemed or construed to give the said Company any exclusive rights or franchise of any nature whatsoever: Provided, however, that when the Company and the said municipalities enter into agreements as referred to in this Act, the Company shall have, subject to the terms and provisions bridge across the Fraser River from a point at or near Ladner to of said agreements, the exclusive right to construct and operate a Lulu Island. Rights not exclusive.

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