



CHAPTER 82.

An Act respecting the Ladner Bridge Company, Limited.

[Assented to 7th March, 1927.]

WHEREAS The Ladner Bridge Company, Limited, a Company Preamble.
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 from a point or points on the south shore of the said river near the town of Ladner to a point or points on Lulu Island; 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 “Ladner Bridge Company, Limited, Act.” Short title.

2. The Ladner Bridge Company, Limited, is authorized to build, erect, construct, work, maintain, and manage a toll-bridge for Site and erection of toll-bridge
ordinary passenger and traffic purposes over the Fraser River, in the said Province, from a point or points on the south shore of the said river near the town of Ladner to a point or points on Lulu Island, and to erect and construct toll-houses and toll-gates with other dependencies and approaches to or upon the said bridge, and also to do and execute all such other matters and things as shall be necessary, useful, or advantageous for erecting and constructing, keeping up, and maintaining the said bridge and toll houses and gates and other dependencies according to the true intent and meaning of this Act.

3. The said Company shall have full power and authority to erect, make, and sink all such piers, abutments, blocks, and erections in or Piers, approaches.
near the said Fraser River as may be deemed necessary, not only for

the construction of the said bridge, but such as may be required or thought desirable efficiently to protect it, and may build the necessary approaches thereto into and upon the lands, streets, roads, and grounds lying and being on either side of the said Fraser River; and may cut, level, or raise the banks of said river in such manner as may be deemed necessary or proper for building of said bridge, and may cut, remove, take, and carry away all and every impediment whatsoever which may in any way tend to hinder the erecting and completing the said bridge; and may execute all other things necessary, requisite, useful, or convenient for erecting, building, working, maintaining, and supporting the said bridge, toll-houses, and toll-gates, and may from time to time enter and go in upon the lands and grounds adjacent to the said river on either side thereof for the purpose of making surveys, examinations, or other necessary arrangements for fixing the site of said bridge.

Power to
expropriate.

4. For the purpose of erecting, building, maintaining, and supporting the said bridge, the said Company shall from time to time have full power and authority to take and use all lands reasonably required on either side of said river, and thereon work up or cause to be worked up the materials and other things necessary for erecting, constructing, and repairing the said bridge accordingly; 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.

Use of streets.

5. 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.

6. The said bridge and toll-houses, toll-gates, and dependencies, and the approaches to the said bridge, shall be vested in the said Company, its successors and assigns for ever.

Toll rates.

7. 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 their own proper use, benefit, and behoof, for pontage before any passage over the said bridge is permitted, tolls not to exceed the several sums following for passage over the bridge, that is to say: For pedestrians, seven and one-half cents; automobiles, twenty-five cents; passengers, five cents; motor-cycles, seven and one-half cents;

trucks, half-ton, twenty cents; one-ton, twenty-five cents; two-ton, thirty-five cents; three-ton, forty-five cents; five-ton, seventy-five cents; trailers, twenty-five cents; stages or buses, one dollar and fifty cents; horse-drawn vehicles, twenty-five cents; and all vehicles not specified in the above at proportionate rates; horses and other animals, twenty-five cents.

8. If any person shall forcibly pass through any of the said toll-gates or over or upon the bridge without first having paid the proper toll, or shall interrupt or disturb the said Company or any person or persons employed by it 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.

Penalty for non-payment of tolls.

9. 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.

Approval of plans.

10. Nothing in this Act contained shall be deemed or construed to give the said Company any exclusive rights or franchises 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 of said agreements, the exclusive right to construct and operate a bridge across the Fraser River from a point at or near Ladner to Lulu Island.

Rights not exclusive

VICTORIA, B.C.:

Printed by CHARLES F. BANTFIELD, Printer to the King's Most Excellent Majesty.
1927.