

13. On the trial or hearing of such action or suit, it shall be sufficient to prove that the defendant, at the time of such assessment, was a holder of one share or more in the said undertaking, and that such an assessment was in fact made, and it shall not be necessary to prove any other matter whatsoever; and thereupon the said Company shall be entitled to recover what shall be due upon such call, and interest thereon.

14. The joint stock or property of the said Corporation shall alone in the first instance be responsible for the debts and engagements of the said Corporation; and no shareholder or member of the said Company shall be individually or personally responsible or liable for any debts, engagements or losses of the said Company, beyond the amount of his shares of the stock of the said Company.

15. The stock subscription list already subscribed, and such other names and shares as may be added thereto, to the extent of the stock, shall compose the Company; stockholders and the subscribers shall be in the same position as if they had subscribed after the passing of this Act, as well for the payment of such stock or otherwise.

16. The Directors shall have power to levy and collect assessments upon the shares from time to time, of such sums of money as may be deemed necessary for carrying on the business of the said Company; and whenever any assessment may be made by the Directors, it shall be the duty of the Treasurer to give notice thereof in one of the public newspapers printed in the County, requiring payment of the same within thirty days; and if any stockholder shall neglect or refuse to pay the Treasurer the amount of such assessment upon his shares at the time prescribed, all such delinquent shares may be sold at public auction, the Treasurer giving at least thirty days public notice of the time and place of such sale; and all shares upon which the assessment is not then paid, with interest from the time such assessment became due, shall be sold to the highest bidder, and after retaining the amount of the assessment and interest due on each share, and the expense of advertising and selling, the residue (if any) shall be paid over to the former owner, and a new certificate of the shares so sold shall be made out and delivered to the purchaser.

17. All meetings of the said Company shall be called by public notice thereof in one of the newspapers printed as aforesaid, ten days at least before the time of such meeting; and all special meetings may be called by the Secretary under the authority of the Directors, or by shareholders representing not less than one hundred shares of stock, upon giving the like notice.

18. It shall and may be lawful for the said Company, at a proper and convenient depth under each and every of the streets and roads leading into and through the said Town and its vicinity, to lay down, set and place such and so many pipes, leaders, and other apparatus for the said gas, as they shall find to be necessary for conveying the same to any or every building or lamp post in the said Town or its vicinity, and from time to time, as often as the said Company shall think proper, to lay down such pipes, leaders, and other apparatus, or if occasion require, to alter, amend, or repair the same; it shall also be lawful for the said Company to break up and open any part whatsoever of the said roads and streets, or of the covering, pavement, or sidewalk thereof, and the same to keep open and uncovered during the time necessary for such purposes; provided always, that the said Company shall and

do at their own proper costs and charges, and to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of streets and highways for the Town and Parish of Newcastle for the time being, and without unnecessary delay, repair and amend the said roads, streets, coverings, pavements, or sidewalks, in every part where they shall be so broken up and opened as aforesaid, to the condition in which they were before breaking up or opening the same.

19. If the said Company shall not repair the said streets, roads, coverings, pavements, or sidewalks, or any of them so broken up, to the satisfaction of the said Commissioners of highways for the time being, or a majority of them, it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners to cause the same to be repaired, and to sue for and recover the expense incurred therein from the said Company, in any Court competent to try the same.

20. From and after the passing of this Act the said Company, or any person or persons who may in any way be employed by them, shall not throw, drain, or cause, suffer or permit any person or persons to throw or drain into any part of the River Miramichi, any refuse of coal tar or other noxious substance that may arise from the said gas works, under the penalty of twenty dollars for each and every offence.

21. Provided always, that unless three thousand dollars of the said capital stock shall be actually paid in for the purposes of the said Corporation, and a certificate of such payment signed and verified on oath by the said Directors, or a majority of them, which oath any Justice of the Peace is hereby authorized to administer, shall be filed in the office of the Secretary of the Province before the expiration of four years after the passing of this Act, the operation of this Act shall cease, and the existence of the said Corporation shall be terminated on the expiration of the said four years.

22. The said Company do and shall in every street or road through which the said pipes shall be laid, make and provide proper leaders and apparatus for supplying with gas any public lamps which may hereafter be set up in the several streets, and shall provide such apparatus and at such distances from each other as the Justices in General Sessions shall from time to time direct; provided that such Justices in General Sessions shall pay any additional expense that may be incurred by the said Company, by the making of such leaders and apparatus for supplying gas.

### CAP. LIII.

#### An Act to incorporate the Petitcodiac Bridge Company.

Section.	Section.
1. Company incorporated.	10. Penalty for passing, &c. a faster pace than a walk;
2. Capital, amount, division into shares, payment, and extension.	11. For evading payment of the toll;
3. First meeting for choosing Directors.	12. For wilfully damaging the works.
4. Annual general meeting; time and purpose: quorum for business.	13. No toll demandable for specified public services;
5. Power to make bye laws.	14. Statement of affairs to be laid before the general annual meeting.
6. Liability for the corporate debts.	15. Recovery of arrears on shares.
7. Power to design and erect the Bridge, enter on lands, &c.	16. What shall be sufficient in the declaration.
8. Compensation for lands, &c. taken, &c., how determined.	17. What shall be sufficient proof.
9. Authority to erect gates across the Bridge and take tolls.	18. Provision for transfer of Bridge to the Provincial Government.
	19. Act void if Bridge not completed in three years.

*Passed 12th April 1861.*

WHEREAS it is deemed advisable to construct a Bridge across the Petitcodiac River; and whereas a Bridge is much required and would be highly useful for the public in general, and it is thought advisable to incorporate such persons as may