

PROVINCE OF MARLBOROUGH.



THE WAIRAU BRIDGE ACT, 1870.

IN THE THIRTY-THIRD YEAR OF THE REIGN OF HER MAJESTY
QUEEN VICTORIA.

SESSION XXI., No. 4.

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“An Act to provide for the construction and main- Title
tenance of a Bridge over the River Wairau.”

WHEREAS by an act of the General Assembly of New Zealand entitled “The Highways and Watercourses Diversion Act 1858” it is enacted that it shall be lawful for the Superintendent of any province with the advice and consent of the Provincial Council thereof by an act to be made for that purpose to authorise and empower the Superintendent to build bridges and other erections on

Preamble:

the banks or in the beds of any river stream or creek in such province: and whereas it is expedient to construct a bridge over the river Wairau at a part thereof near Gouland's Ferry in the Province of Marlborough and provide for the maintenance and keeping in repair of the said bridge and approaches thereto: Be it therefore enacted by the Superintendent of the Province of Marlborough with the advice and consent of the Provincial Council thereof as follows:

Short Title. 1. The short title of this act shall be "The Wairau Bridge Act 1870."

Bridge can be constructed. 2. It shall be lawful for the Superintendent to construct a bridge and make approaches thereto over the river Wairau at part thereof in the vicinity of Gouland's Ferry in the said province.

Tolls to be collected. 3. The Superintendent as soon as possible after the completion of the said bridge shall notify by proclamation in the Provincial Government Gazette that the said bridge is open for public traffic and thereupon it shall be lawful for the Superintendent to cause tolls to be levied at such rates as to him shall seem fit not exceeding the sum set forth in the schedule annexed to this Act.

Bridge may be let. 4. It shall be lawful for the Superintendent with the advice of the Executive Council to contract with any person or persons for the construction of the said bridge and in consideration thereof to let the said bridge and tolls to such person or persons for any term not exceeding fourteen years at a nominal rent and upon such conditions as the Superintendent with such advice as aforesaid shall think fit and after the expiration of such lease to let the said bridge and tolls to any person or persons whatever for any term not exceeding seven years at such annual rent and on such conditions as the said Superintendent with the advice as aforesaid shall think fit.

Tolls recovered in summary manner. 5. All tolls imposed under the authority of this act shall be recoverable in a summary way.

Evasion of Tolls. 6. Any person refusing or evading or attempting to evade the payment of any toll leviable under this act shall forfeit and pay for every such offence any sum not exceeding five pounds to be recovered in a summary way.

S C H E D U L E.

- For every foot passenger Threepence.
- For every horse ass or mule Sixpence.
- For all horned cattle per head Threepence.
- For every wheeled vehicle drawn by one horse or other beast One Shilling.
- For every additional horse or other beast drawing such vehicle Sixpence.
- For every sheep lamb goat or pig One Halfpenny.
- That between the hours of 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. all charges shall be doubled.