



CHAPTER i.

An Act to make better provision respecting the charge and management of County Bridges and of Hundred Bridges in the County of Lancaster and to confer further powers on the County Council of the County Palatine of Lancaster in relation to Bridges and for other purposes. A.D. 1898.
[23rd May 1898.]

WHEREAS the bridges in the county of Lancaster repairable out of the county fund and known as county bridges are now under the charge and management of the surveyor of county bridges :

And whereas the county of Lancaster is divided into six hundreds known as Lonsdale Amounderness Blackburn Leyland Salford and West Derby and there are numerous other bridges in those hundreds known as hundred bridges which by immemorial custom are repairable out of separate rates levied on the hundreds in which they are respectively situate and which are under the charge and management of bridgemasters appointed for the respective hundreds :

And whereas the office of surveyor of county bridges has recently become vacant and the late surveyor also held the appointment of bridgemaster for each of the respective hundreds except the hundred of West Derby :

And whereas it is expedient to provide for compensating the bridgemaster for the hundred of West Derby in case of his resignation or retirement :

And whereas it is expedient that separate appointments of bridgemasters for the respective hundreds be no longer made and that for the future the same person be appointed to be bridgemaster both of county and of hundred bridges :

And whereas it is expedient to confer on the County Council such further powers in relation to bridges as this Act contains :

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And whereas the objects aforesaid cannot be attained without the authority of Parliament :

May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted and be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal and Commons in this present Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as follows (that is to say) :—

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Lancashire County Council (Bridges) Act 1898.

Union of offices of surveyor of county bridges and hundred bridge-masters.

2. After the passing of this Act a bridgemaster shall not be separately appointed for any hundred in the county of Lancaster but as soon as conveniently may be after the passing of this Act a fit and competent person shall be appointed by the County Council of the county palatine of Lancaster (herein-after referred to as "the County Council") to be bridgemaster of all the county and hundred bridges in the said county with the title of county bridgemaster and with such powers and duties and on such terms and conditions as the County Council shall determine and any vacancy hereafter occurring in the said office shall be filled by the County Council in like manner.

Salary of county bridge-master.

3. The salary of the county bridgemaster shall be paid out of the county fund and shall be deemed to be a special county purpose chargeable to the county bridge account and to the hundred bridge accounts of the several hundreds in such proportions as the County Council shall on the recommendation of the finance committee from time to time determine.

Compensation to the bridge-master of West Derby Hundred.

4. In the event of the retirement or resignation of the bridgemaster for the hundred of West Derby he shall be entitled to have compensation paid to him by the County Council as if his office had been abolished and in determining such compensation regard shall be had to the conditions and other circumstances required by sub-section (1) of section 120 of the Local Government Act 1888 to be had in regard to cases of compensation under that section and the compensation shall not exceed the limit therein mentioned and shall be paid out of the county fund and be charged to the several hundred bridge accounts in such proportions as the County Council may determine and the provisions of sub-sections (2) to (7) of that section shall apply with the necessary modifications and with the substitution of the Local Government Board for the Treasury in sub-sections (4) and (6).

5. Where the County Council deem it expedient to purchase or take over any bridge under the powers of section 6 of the Local Government Act 1888 as extended by the Highways and Bridges Act 1891 they may if they see fit resolve and order that the whole or part of the cost of purchase maintenance repair or improvement of such bridge shall be deemed to be a special county purpose and be charged to the hundred bridge account of the hundred or hundreds in which such bridge is wholly or partly situate.

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Powers as to purchase and maintenance of certain bridges.

6. The County Council may if they see fit contribute or join with other local authorities in contributing to the rebuilding widening or improvement of any bridge in the county belonging to any railway or canal company or to any other company corporation or person and to the widening and improvement of the approaches thereto.

Power to contribute to improvement of certain bridges.

Any such contribution of the County Council shall be paid out of the county fund and shall be deemed to be a special county purpose and be charged to the hundred bridge account of the hundred or hundreds in which the bridge is wholly or partly situate.

7. The costs charges and expenses preliminary to and of and incidental to preparing obtaining and passing this Act or otherwise in relation thereto as taxed and ascertained by the taxing officer of the House of Lords or of the House of Commons shall be paid by the County Council out of the county fund and be charged to the county bridge account and the several hundred bridge accounts in such proportions as the County Council may determine.

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