

# The Quebec Bridge

## Le Pont de Quebec

A picture post card study of the world's longest cantilever bridge, the Quebec Bridge across the St. Lawrence River near Quebec City, P.Q.

A rail and road bridge at or near Quebec City was required to compete with the port of Montreal to the west and to provide access to the ice free ports of Halifax, Nova Scotia and Portland, Maine. Given the limits of materials science and bridge engineering of the era and the local geography, a cantilever bridge was selected to cross the St. Lawrence River a few miles upstream from Quebec City. Its construction was marred by several disasters with major loss of life. The first bridge collapsed during construction. The central section of the second bridge fell into the river during a lift. The bridge opened to rail traffic in late 1917. The bridge remains in rail service; vehicular traffic is now carried by the Pierre Laporte suspension bridge.

### PLAN OF THE EXHIBIT

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I. Title & Plan Page	1
1. First Bridge - Construction & Disaster	4
2. Second Bridge - Construction & Disaster	5
3. Success at Last	<u>2</u>
TOTAL	12

Treatment: Chronological and balanced while telling the story in one frame.

Importance: The exhibit contains cards important to the story line.

Deltiologic and Subject Knowledge: Exemplified by card choice and comments on cards.

Rarity: None since this was a very popular topic.

Condition: Excellent throughout.

Presentation: Note effective use of 11 x 11 pages.

References: A Wiki article will get you up to speed. The following is a fine reference for those wanting more detailed information:

The Bridge at Quebec by William D. Middleton  
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