

C H A P. 105

An Act respecting the Shawinigan Hydro-Electric Company

[Assented to 14th March, 1907]

WHEREAS the Shawinigan Lakes' Power and Electric Company has, by its petition, represented that, on or about the twelfth January, one thousand nine hundred and four, letters-patent under the Joint Stock Companies' Incorporation Act were granted to the Shawinigan Lakes' Power and Electric Company ;

And whereas the said company desires that additional powers be granted to it and that its name be changed to that of "The Shawinigan Hydro-Electric Company" ;

And whereas it is expedient to grant in part the prayer contained in the said petition by granting to the said company certain powers enumerated in this act, but that it is not expedient to grant the part of the petition which prays for the ratification and confirmation of the said letters-patent ;

Therefore, His Majesty, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of Quebec, enacts as follows :

1. The said company may with the consent of the municipalities interested, given by by-law, exercise all the powers, rights and privileges conferred upon it by this act within the limits of the district of Three Rivers. This provision shall not prejudicially affect pending cases.

Consent of
municipali-
ties necess-
ary.
Proviso.

2. The company may :

(a) Manufacture and sell aluminum, carbide of calcium and other chemical products ;

(b) Manufacture and sell all kinds of woollen and cotton goods ;

(c) Manufacture and sell pulp and paper ;

(d) Build all factories and workshops necessary for its operations ;

(e) Acquire by permit, lease or purchase all patent rights, patents of invention, processes and options for facilitating the carrying out of each of the objects it has in view, and dispose of the same.

(f) Manufacture, produce, supply, distribute and sell electricity, gas and other motive powers of any kind whatsoever, for industrial purposes, light, heat and all other purposes whatsoever.

Putting of
poles, &c.,
above and
below streets.

3. The company may, within the territory assigned to it by this act, and after having obtained the consent referred to in section 1, enter in and upon and erect and lay above and beneath the streets and public roads, all pipes, lines, conduits and other structures that may be necessary for the purposes of its undertakings and under the direction and supervision of the engineer or such other officer as the council may designate. The streets and public roads shall, in all cases, be replaced in their original condition by the company at its own expense.

Streets, &c.,
to be re-
placed.

Taking of
water by
flumes across
lands, &c.

4. In addition to the powers the company possesses under article 5535 of the Revised Statutes, it shall have the right to take at or near the sources of the Shawinigan river, and at Lakes Shawinigan, Brodeur, Rond, des Iles and En Croix, emptying into the said river Shawinigan beyond Lake Wapisigonk, by means of flumes or other works on or across lands belonging to the company, the quantity of water required for supplying and regulating its power generators and for operating its works, provided that in so doing, it shall not interfere with any riparian owner of the said water course, and shall take such water only between the first of July of each year and the first of March of the following year, without interfering with the floating of timber; but it shall not, however, begin its operations, or make any building, dam, &c., without having previously deposited in the office of the Minister of Lands and Forests a detailed plan of the work to be done, which plan shall be approved by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council after notice given in the *Quebec Official Gazette* to the persons who may be affected by the demands of the said company; and provided that it shall not take possession of any portion of the lands or of the lakes and rivers belonging to the Crown without previously obtaining the consent of the Minister of Lands and Forests.

Proviso.

Further
proviso.

Expropria-
tion of land,
&c.

5. The company is authorized to expropriate any land required for right of way for the installation of any line conveying electricity from one of its works to any point whatsoever within the limits above mentioned.

Railway act
to apply.

6. Such expropriation, as well as the procedure relative to the immediate taking possession of the land expropriated, shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Revised Statutes respecting railways.

Name
changed.

7. The name of the Shawinigan Lakes' Power and Electric Company is hereby changed and is replaced by that of "The

Shawinigan Hydro-Electric Company," which name the said company shall hereafter bear, but without altering the position of parties in pending cases.

8. The head office of the company shall, in future, be at Head office, Shawinigan Falls.

9. Nothing contained in this act shall be construed as Limitations, conferring upon a municipality powers which it does not possess under the laws governing it, or upon a company powers which it does not possess under its charter.

10. This act shall come into force on the day of its sanc- Coming into
force
tion.

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An Act to amend the charter of the Metabetchouan Pulp Company, and to ratify certain financial arrangements with the shareholders

[Assented to 14th March, 1907]

WHEREAS the Metabetchouan Pulp Company has by Preamble petition represented :

That it was incorporated by the act 2 Edward VII, chapter 78 ;

That it has endeavored to develop its property and water-powers by having a considerable amount of work done in connection therewith, in order to create a revenue for itself ;

That, in order to attain this end, it has been obliged to contract obligations and effect loans, but the result obtained has not justified its hopes and finally, through lack of capital, it was forced to suspend work, and later on the want of revenue made it impossible for it to meet the interest on its debts and to provide for its obligations at their maturity ;

That, as the stringency continued to increase from day to day, the company, in order to avoid forced liquidation which would be disastrous both to the creditors and to its shareholders, was under the necessity of transferring the whole of its assets to persons willing to assume its debts, which was done with the consent of nearly all the shareholders ;

Whereas it is expedient to grant the prayer contained in the said petition ;

Therefore, His Majesty, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of Quebec, enacts as follows :