

CHAP. 60

An Act to further amend the charter of the Quebec Central Railway Company

[Assented to 28th March, 1901]

Preamble.

WHEREAS the Quebec Central Railway Company has, by its petition, represented that it is advisable, in the interest thereof, to amend and extend certain provisions of the charter of the company, and especially those concerning the arrangement of that portion of its capital presently represented by income bonds issued under the provisions thereof, and has prayed for amendments to the said charter for the said purpose ;

And whereas it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition ;

Therefore, His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows :

Power to issue bonds or stocks of two classes to convert existing income bonds.

1. The directors of the company shall, for the purpose of converting the existing income bonds, have power to create and issue, in exchange for and upon the surrender of the said income bonds, certain securities to be called (a) second debenture stock or securities, and (b) income stock or bonds, the one class having such priority over the other class and being entitled to such cumulative or other rights as may at the time of issue be prescribed.

Ranking of such new bonds or securities.

Such new bonds or securities shall in all respects take the place of and be entitled, as against the company and its franchise and property, to all the rights of the existing income bonds, save and except as to the time of repayment or redemption.

Interest on new bonds or securities.

Such second debenture stock or securities and income stock or bonds shall bear respectively such rates of interest, cumulative or contingent upon the profits of the year, payable yearly or half yearly, be respectively perpetual or repayable, or partly perpetual and partly repayable, if repayable shall be redeemable on such date or dates, all as the directors may determine. Provided always that the aggregate charge for interest in any one year exclusive of arrears, if any, upon the whole issue shall not exceed the sum

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of £33,800.

Application of proceeds of new bonds or securities.

2. The second debenture stock or securities and income stock or bonds hereby authorized shall be applied exclusively to the exchange and conversion of existing income

bonds, in such manner that each holder of income bonds shall receive in exchange therefor a due proportion of the new securities.

3. The terms and conditions of such conversion and sub-division of income bonds and issue of second debenture stock or securities and income stock or bonds in lieu thereof, shall be prescribed by the board of directors and be approved at a general special meeting of the holders of income bonds called for that purpose, by three fourths in value of the said income bondholders present or represented by proxy at such meeting.

Terms, &c , of conversion to be decided by board of directors and approved by holders of income bonds.

Notice of such approval shall be given in the *London Times* and in the *Quebec Official Gazette* for at least one month; which notice shall briefly set out the nature of the conversion, and call upon the holders of income bonds, within such period as may be fixed by the directors, to surrender their bonds for cancellation and to receive, in exchange therefor, their due proportion of such new securities. After the publication of such notice and the expiration of such period, the powers of the holders of existing income bonds to claim payment of interest or principal according to the present tenor of the said bonds, shall cease and determine.

Notice of approval to be published, and what to contain.

Effect of publication of notice.

4. Sections 6, 7 and 11 of the act 62 Victoria, chapter 74, are repealed.

62 V., c. 74, ss. 6, 7 and 11, repealed.

5. Nothing in this act contained shall be construed as modifying or impairing the rights of holders of prior lien bonds or of the Quebec Central Debenture stock, issued or to be issued under the provisions of the act 62 Victoria, chapter 74.

Act not to be held to affect certain bonds or stocks under 62 V., c. 74.

6. This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction.

Coming into force.

CHAP. 61

An Act to amend the act 63 Victoria, chapter 67, respecting the Quebec and Lake St. John Railway Company

[Assented to 28th March, 1901]

WHEREAS The Quebec and Lake St. John Railway Company has, by its petition, represented that it is desirable that the act 63 Victoria, chapter 67, should be amended as hereinafter appears; and

Preamble.

Whereas it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition;