

under the name of either one of them, and shall have, exercise and enjoy the charter rights and franchises of both the amalgamated companies.

Rights of the  
Crown not  
affected.

6. Nothing in this act shall affect the rights of the Crown.

Coming into  
force.

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

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An Act respecting the Canadian Electric Light Company,  
Limited

[Assented to 28th March, 1901]

Preamble.

WHEREAS the Canadian Electric Light Company, Limited, has by petition represented :

That, at the last session of the Legislature of this Province, an act was passed ratifying an issue of bonds then made by it to the amount of \$80,500.00, and that it was further authorized to issue other bonds ;

That, since that date, the company has made a new issue of five hundred bonds of five hundred dollars each, amounting to \$250,000.00, which bonds bear the date of the 15th January, 1901, and are numbered from 1 to 500 ;

That, in connection with such last issue of the said five hundred bonds and to create a first mortgage in favor of the holders thereof, the holders of first bonds, to the amount of \$80,500.00, have consented to exchange the same for bonds of the new issue, and that a deed of trust was passed to that effect before Hon. V. W. LaRue on the 4th January, 1901 ;

That the head office of the company has been transferred from Montreal to Quebec ;

That the company decided to manufacture pulp, in order to utilize the considerable surplus of its water power, and to apply to the Legislature for the necessary powers to that effect ;

That, under its charter, the company had not then the right to carry on the manufacture and business of pulp and paper making, nor to erect mills for the purpose, and it was then decided to form a separate company for that object, with the understanding that application would be made for the passing of an act to authorize the Canadian Electric

Light Company to erect such mills and carry on such business by purchasing the rights of the pulp company or amalgamating therewith :

That application was accordingly made for the incorporation by letters-patent of a company bearing the name of the " Chaudière Falls' Pulp Company " and that such letters-patent will shortly be issued ;

That the persons who took stock in the said Chaudière Falls' Pulp Company did so with the understanding that the shares so subscribed would, after the passing of this act, become shares in the capital stock of the Canadian Electric Light Company, Limited ;

That, in certain deeds to which it is a party and on certain occasions, the said Canadian Electric Light Company, Limited, has omitted to place the word " limited " after its name, and on other occasions the word " limited " has been used ;

That the Canadian Electric Light Company, Limited, has made a contract with the town of Levis for lighting its streets for five years, at the rate of \$8.00 per annum for each lamp of 32 candle-power ;

That the town of Levis has granted the said Canadian Electric Light Company, Limited, an exemption from taxation for ten years, counting from the first May, 1901 ;

That the municipalities and parishes of St. Romuald, St. Nicholas, St. Etienne and St. Jean Chrysostôme have also granted exemption from taxation to the said Canadian Electric Light Company, Limited, for a period of twenty years ;

That, for the protection of the holders of bonds of the said issue of \$250,000.00, it is necessary that the company should not, except in certain cases provided for by this act, issue other bonds which would have the same rank as mortgages ;

Whereas, for the reasons above set forth, it is expedient to grant the prayer of such petition ;

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

1. The said issue of 500 bonds of \$500.00 each, which are numbered from 1 to 500 and are dated the 15th January, 1901, for a total amount of \$250,000.00 ; the said trust deed passed before Mtre. V. W. LaRue, notary, on the 4th January, 1901, and everything therein stated and contained ; the said transfer of the company's head office from Montreal to Quebec ; the said contract for lighting the town of Levis ; the said exemptions from taxation, and generally everything mentioned in the preamble to this act, are declared valid to all intents and purposes.

Certain issue.  
of bonds,  
trust deed and  
contracts for  
lighting &c.,  
declared  
valid.

Deeds passed in which word "limited" is left out rendered valid, &c.

2. All deeds passed and transactions entered into by the Canadian Electric Light Company, wherein the word "limited" has been omitted are hereby declared valid; and in future the company may lawfully contract, without adding the said word "limited" to its name.

No further issue of bonds permitted until certain bonds paid.

3. The Canadian Electric Light Company shall not, except as hereinafter provided, make a new issue of bonds, nor issue additional bonds having a first mortgage on its property, without repaying the holders of the said issue of \$250,000.00, or without the written consent of seven eighths in value of the same.

Issue of preferred stock and bonds provided for.

4. Nevertheless, in certain cases of urgency, when the board of directors of the company shall have passed a resolution declaring that it is indispensable to issue preferred stock or preferential bonds, the said board of directors, either at an annual general meeting of the shareholders, or at a special meeting of the said shareholders duly convened for that purpose, may submit the resolution so passed; and, if three fourths in value of the shareholders present ratify such resolution, and if moreover such resolution be afterwards submitted to a special general meeting of the bondholders, duly called by the board in the manner provided by the trust deed of the 4th January, 1901, and be likewise approved by three fourths in value of the bondholders present at such meeting, then the company may issue preferred stock or preferential bonds to an amount not exceeding \$75,000.00. If preferential bonds be so issued the interest thereon shall not exceed six per cent. and such interest shall be paid to the holders of such preferential bonds in preference to the interest on the ordinary bonds. Such interest on the preferential bonds shall be cumulative, that is before any interest shall be paid on the ordinary bonds, the holders of preferential bond must have received all their interest accrued and the arrears thereof. If preferred stock be issued, no dividend shall be paid either on ordinary or preferred stock before the interest on the bonds is paid; but, after payment of the interest on the bonds, provision shall be made, before paying a dividend on ordinary stock, for the payment of a dividend of seven per cent. on the preferred stock. Such dividend on the preferred stock shall be cumulative as hereinabove set forth in connection with the bonds.

Proviso as to interest on preferred bonds.

Proviso as to interest on preferred stock.

Meetings of the Canadian Electric Light Company and the Chaudière Falls Pulp Co., may be

5. At any time after the sanction of this act, the board of directors of the Canadian Electric Light Company may call, in the manner provided by laws, a special general meeting of the shareholders, and, on a separate day, a special general meeting of the persons who have subscribed for stock in the

Chaudière Falls' Pulp Company (whether incorporated then or not), and if at each of such meetings the majority in value of the persons interested who are present decide upon an amalgamation of the two companies, the whole of the stock subscribed in and for the said Chaudière Falls' Pulp Company shall *ipso facto* become stock in the Canadian Electric Light Company, and shall be at once registered as such; stock certificates may be issued accordingly, and the capital stock of the Canadian Electric Light Company shall be increased proportionately, and consequently all the assets and liabilities of the Pulp Company shall form part of the assets and liabilities of the Canadian Electric Light Company.

called for the purpose of amalgamating the two companies.

Assets of Pulp Company thereafter.

6. After such amalgamation, all the improvements made and structures erected for the purpose of the manufacture of and trade in pulp, and all the revenues therefrom, shall be deemed to have been included in the trust deed of the 4th January, 1901, for the security of the bondholders under the same title and in the same manner as therein already set forth.

Certain property to be deemed to have been included in deed of 4th Jan'y, 1901, after, amalgamation.

7. The Canadian Electric Light Company is authorized to erect mills, at such places upon its property as it may deem advisable, for the manufacture of pulp and paper; to manufacture pulp and paper, and to do all things necessary for the organization and purposes of such trade and everything connected therewith. And all the powers conferred upon it by its charter shall further apply and extend to everything that it may have to do for the purposes of the said pulp business and the working of the mill or mills it may have erected for that object.

Power of Company to erect mills, &c., and do certain business.

Power under charter extended to such works.

8. For the purposes of its pulp trade, the company may purchase and own timber limits and wood lots.

Power to acquire, &c., timber limits and wood lots.

9. It may also build one or more wide or narrow gauge railways running by steam or electricity or electric tramways to connect the various parishes, villages and towns of the county of Levis, and may also build branches to connect its roads with various existing railways.

Power to build railways and tramways to connect towns, &c., in Levis.

For the purposes of this section the company shall have all the powers conferred and obligations imposed by its charter and by the law governing railways (articles 5125 to 5223, inclusively, of the Revised Statutes.

R. S., 5125 to 5223 to apply for such business.

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

Coming into force.