

CAP. IV.

An Act respecting Railway Subsidies.

[Assented to 9th January, 1897.]

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows :

Grant to village of Stanstead Plain for branch railway.

1. It shall be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to pay the sum of five thousand dollars to the municipality of the village of Stanstead Plain, to aid it in constructing a branch line of railway of two miles and three quarters in length to connect the said village with the terminus of the Massawippi Valley Railway.

When payable.

The said sum shall be payable when the said branch line, with stations, sidings and dependencies shall be completed to the satisfaction of the engineer of the railway branch of the Department of Public Works, but not later than the 30th June, 1897, and shall be taken out of the unexpended balance of the grant to the Orford Mountain Railway Company.

Time for completion of certain railways extended.

2. Whereas the Government has assisted to a large extent the construction of certain railways, it is in the general interest that the works thereupon be completed and that further time be given for that purpose, the time within which the work upon certain railways is to be completed, to wit: the Baie des Chaleurs Railway, the Quebec, Montmorency and Charlevoix Railway, the Ottawa and Gatineau Valley Railway, The Orford Mountain Railway, the East Richelieu Valley Railway, and the Quebec and Lake St. John Railway for its line from Chicoutimi to St. Alphonse, is extended to the 31st of December, 1898.

Grant to Montfort Colonization Railway.

3. Whereas both colonization and agriculture would be greatly favored by the completion of the last twelve miles of the Montfort Colonization Railway as far as Arundel, in the county of Argenteuil, the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may grant to the Montfort Colonization Railway Company a sum of five thousand dollars per annum for twelve years from the 1st of July, 1897.

How paid.

One half of the said grant shall be taken from the sum voted for colonization and the other half from that voted for agriculture; but no part however of the said grant shall be paid to the company until the said twelve miles of road have been completed, and received by the Government Engineer.

Payment to Pontiac Pacific Junction

4. It shall be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to pay to the Pontiac Pacific Junction Railway

Company the sum of twenty thousand dollars for the work done upon its road, as set forth in the reports of the Government engineer of the 30th January and 24th March, 1895, in lieu of the grant of twenty thousand dollars to complete the last section from the 60th to the 70th mile, as far as Waltham, near Black River, in the county of Pontiac, made by the act 58 Victoria, chapter 2, section 1, paragraph 3.

Railway Company of certain sum authorized.

5. The time within which the works upon the Pontiac Pacific Junction Railway are to be completed is extended to the 1st day of July, 1898.

Time for completion of road extended.

6. In lieu of the grant of sixty thousand dollars to the Pontiac Pacific Junction Railway Company, for the portion of the Canadian Pacific Branch line from Hull to Aylmer, under the act 58 Victoria, chapter 2, section 1, it shall be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to grant the sum of sixty thousand dollars to the said company, for the construction of that part of its road which extends from Aylmer to Hull, payable *pro rata* in accordance with the monthly estimates of the Government engineer, or for the purchase of a line already built between the said points.

Certain grant may be made to Pontiac Pacific Junction Railway in lieu of grant under 58 V., c. 2, s. 1.

7. It shall be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to permit the Great Northern Railway Company to apply one half of the subsidy granted to it under the provisions of section 4 of the act 58 Victoria, chapter 2, to the construction of two bridges, to wit: twenty-five thousand dollars to the construction of a bridge over the river Shawinigan, and twenty-five thousand dollars to the construction of a bridge over the river l'Assomption.

Great Northern Railway Company may be authorized to apply certain grant for certain purposes.

8. It shall be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to pay to the Great Northern Railway Company the balance of the subsidy to it transferred by the Lower Laurentian Railway, by transfer dated the 20th September, 1893, to wit: the sum of eighty-seven thousand, seven hundred and fifty dollars, when ten additional miles of road (in lieu of thirteen miles) shall have been constructed, from the tenth to the twentieth mile, inclusive, to the west of St. Tite Junction, seeing the heavy expenditure to be incurred in building five large viaducts on that length of ten miles; the whole subject to the restrictions and conditions of section 3 of the act 56 Victoria, chapter 3.

Payment to Great Northern Railway Company of certain sum authorized.

9. It shall be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to pay over, in accordance with sections 2 and 3 of the act 56 Victoria, chapter 3, the sum of fifty-seven thousand, seven hundred and fifty dollars to the Great Northern Railway Company, the said sum being equivalent

Certain other sum may be paid to Great Northern Railway Company, &c.

to the first thirty-five cents per acre upon the conversion of the subsidy of five thousand acres of land per mile for thirty-three miles granted to the Lower Laurentian Railway, in virtue of paragraph *k* of section 1 of the act 54 Victoria, chapter 88, and by the latter company duly transferred to the said Great Northern Railway Company by deed of the 20th September, 1893,—the balance due under the conversion to be paid under the provisions of the act 54 Victoria, chapter 88, section 7, or those of section 12 of this act, at the option of the said Great Northern Railway Company.

Time for completion of works extended.

10. The time within which the works upon the Lower Laurentian and Great Northern Railway, now the Great Northern Railway, are to be completed, is hereby extended to the 1st of July, 1898.

Payment to George Ball authorized.

11. It shall be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to pay, out of the Consolidated Railway Fund, to George Ball, the sum of two thousand, four hundred and twenty-four dollars and twenty-seven cents, for a privileged claim against the Great Eastern Railway Company, the said sum being the balance of the sum of twenty-six thousand, six hundred and sixty-six dollars and sixty-six cents, referred to in the act 59 Victoria, chapter 4, as part of the grant to the said railway for its branch from Yamaska village to Doucet's landing, after deducting the payments effected under the authority of the said act 59 Victoria, chapter 4, and the Orders in Council of the 11th May, 1895, and 13th December, 1895, annexed to the said act, less the sum of seven hundred and forty-one dollars and seventy-three cents for costs, also paid in virtue of the said act.

Settlement of last half of amount accepted in lieu of grant in lands authorized.

12. In settlement of the claims of certain railway companies which have declared their option of accepting seventy cents per acre in lieu of the grant in lands to them made, of which sum thirty-five cents were to be paid when the subsidy became due and the balance when the lands allotted to them should have been sold and paid for, it shall be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to grant, in place of the second thirty-five cents, a sum to be hereafter agreed upon between the said companies and the Commissioner of Public Works, but not to exceed one half that sum of thirty-five cents per acre, to be paid to those companies which have already declared their willingness to accept a settlement on a reduced scale, and to those which do so within thirty days after the coming into force of this act, the whole subject to the provisions of the law as to the completion and equipment of the several railways, and to such

other and further conditions as the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may see fit to impose.

For the purpose of making such settlement, it shall be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to authorize the Provincial Treasurer to issue bonds, debentures or inscribed stock, bearing an annual rate of interest not exceeding four per cent, payable yearly or half yearly, and to dispose thereof upon the conditions which he deems most favorable, which bonds, debentures or inscribed stock shall be for such amounts, in francs or in pounds sterling, or in dollars and cents, bear such dates, be payable at such times and places, and be redeemable in such manner as the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may determine.

Issue of debentures, &c., for such purpose.

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

Coming into force.

C A P. V.

An Act respecting the subsidies to the Baie des Chaleurs Railway Company.

[Assented to 9th January, 1897.]

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows :

1. The payments of claims against the Baie des Chaleurs Railway Company and against the Atlantic and Lake Superior Railway Company, on the road known as the Baie des Chaleurs road, for wages of persons employed and supplies furnished in connection with the working of the road, made in virtue of the Order in Council of the 20th June, 1896, out of the sum of \$7,942.05 retained under the provisions of the act 54 Victoria, chapter 88, section 11, out of the subsidies payable to the Baie des Chaleurs Railway Company, are, in so far as the same is necessary, declared valid and legal, and effect a full and complete discharge of the Government as regards the said Baie des Chaleurs Railway Company, and of both companies as regards the said claimants, for the said sums so paid.

Certain payments ratified.

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

Coming into force.