

CAP. II.

An Act respecting railway subsidies.

[Assented to 12th January, 1895.]

WHEREAS, under present circumstances, it is impossible Preamble.
for the Government of this Province to grant new subsidies to railways ; but it is in the general interest that certain lines be finished within the shortest delay, as otherwise the moneys that have been paid thereon will have no appreciable result ;

Whereas the subsidies that have not as yet lapsed would be more advantageously employed upon certain railways which are of general importance, such as the Ottawa and Gatineau, South Shore and Great Northern in connection with the Parry Sound Railway, than upon others, the construction whereof may be deferred ;

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

1. It shall be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to confirm and ratify the arrangements which may be made respecting the disposal, as hereinafter provided, of the unexpired subsidies belonging to certain companies, in the following manner, to wit :

1. If the Quebec, Montmorency and Charlevoix Railway Company renounces to the balance of its subsidy in land and in money, to the sum of three hundred and two thousand, four hundred dollars, a sum not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars shall be allowed to it by the Government, to place its line in perfect working order upon a length of thirty miles from its terminus in Quebec ; provided that it erects at its terminus in the city of Quebec a spacious station and one deemed suitable in every respect, according to plans approved by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council,— the said sum to be used solely for the completion of the said line and the building of the said station and to be paid, according to the value of the works executed, upon the report of the Government railway engineer.

2. The renunciation to such subsidy shall be made by the board of directors of the said company, ratified by the shareholders, and signified by notarial deed to the Commissioner of Public Works.

3. If the Pontiac and Pacific Junction Railway Company renounces to the balance of its subsidy of one hundred and seventy-two thousand, nine hundred and twenty dollars, the Government may allow to it the sum of one hundred

Approval of certain arrangements as to disposal of subsidies.

Quebec, Montmorency and Charlevoix Railway Company.

Pontiac and Pacific Junction Railway Company.

and ten thousand dollars, which shall be expended as follows :

(a) Sixty thousand dollars to purchase the Canadian Pacific branch from Hull to Aylmer, upon the terms and conditions fixed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, who may give a general and complete discharge for all hypothecs, claims or demands which the Province may have against the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, on the said branch from Hull to Aylmer ;

(b) Thirty thousand dollars to continue the line as far as Hull East, where a station, to be used in common with the Ottawa and Gatineau Railway Company, shall be built ;

(c) Twenty thousand dollars to complete the last section, from the sixtieth to the seventieth mile, as far as Waltham, near Black River, in the county of Pontiac.

The said subsidy may be paid, from time to time, upon the report of the Government railway engineer, upon all that concerns the execution of the works to be done upon the said line, as well to the station at Hull East as upon the rest of the road, the whole to the satisfaction of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

The said renunciation is to be made by observing the same formalities as that above indicated for the subsidies to the Quebec, Montmorency and Charlevoix Railway Company.

Ottawa and
Gatineau,
Railway Com-
pany.

2. Out of the balance of two hundred and sixty-five thousand, three hundred and twenty dollars of the said two above mentioned subsidies, it shall be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to grant a sum of one hundred and fifteen thousand, three hundred and twenty dollars to the Ottawa and Gatineau Railway Company, to allow of its completing its line from Hull to the Village of *Notre-Dame du Désert*, which sum, with the unexpired subsidy of forty-one thousand, eight hundred and twenty-two dollars, still remaining to the company, makes a total subsidy of one hundred and fifty-seven thousand, one hundred and forty-two dollars.

2. Out of the said sum of one hundred and fifty-seven thousand, one hundred and forty-two dollars, a sum of thirty-five thousand dollars may be paid for that portion of the railway between the fifty-fourth mile and the north bank of the river Pickanock, including the bridge over the said river and the approaches thereto, according to monthly estimates of the company's engineer, approved by the Government engineer ; and the balance of the subsidy shall be apportioned by the Government engineer according to the cost of each mile, and be payable according to the law governing railways ; but ten per cent shall be retained out of each payment of the subsidy coming to any com-

pleted section of ten miles or more of the road and on the cost of the bridge, which shall not be paid until the final report of the Government engineer, establishing that the works on the whole line are finished, as well as those projected at Hull, and that the whole line is in perfect working order and supplied with sufficient rolling stock for an efficient and regular service between *Notre-Dame du Désert* and Hull East, on the river Ottawa, where a station and dependencies, of the value of at least five thousand dollars, for the joint use of this road and of the Pontiac and Pacific Junction Railway, shall be built.

3. The Government may, however, out of the drawback of ten per cent above mentioned, pay, on the report of its engineer and the Commissioner of Public Works, the proportion which it deems expedient of the cost of the works and of the said proposed station and dependencies at Hull, according to monthly statements of its engineer, but always so as to assure the completion of the whole line and terminal works at Hull, before the full payment of the said drawback.

3. The plans of the works and of the proposed central station and dependencies at Hull, both for the Ottawa and Gatineau Railway and for the Pontiac and Pacific Junction Railway, as well as for the projected works and buildings of the Quebec, Montmorency and Charlevoix Railway at Quebec, shall be approved by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council before the said works are commenced.

Approval of plans required.

2. Work on the Ottawa and Gatineau Railway shall be commenced without delay and be completed on or before the first of January, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven; and the proposed central station and dependencies at Hull East shall be commenced at once, be continued without interruption, and be completed on or before the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six.

When work to be completed on the Ottawa and Gatineau Railway, &c.

3. Work on the Pontiac and Pacific Junction Railway and on the Quebec, Montmorency and Charlevoix Railway shall be completed on or before the first of July, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six.

Same on the Pontiac and Pacific Junction and Q. M. and C. Railways.

4. It shall be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to grant the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, to be taken out of the balance of the two subsidies above mentioned, to the Great Northern Railway Company, to aid it in connecting its Eastern or Lower Laurentian section with the Western section, at or near the town of Joliette.

Great Northern Railway Company.

2. The said subsidy shall be apportioned according to law, in proportion to the cost of each mile, between the township of Caxton, in the county of St. Maurice, and Joliette,

and shall be payable according to the provisions of section 3 of the act 56 Victoria, chapter 3.

3. The Great Northern Railway Company, acting for itself or for the Lower Laurentian railway company, is, notwithstanding the provisions of the act 54 Victoria, chapter 88, section 1, paragraph *k*, and of the act 56 Victoria, chapter 3, section 2, to the contrary, authorized to build a bridge over the River Saint Maurice at the place called *La Grand-Mère*, and to connect with the Lower Laurentian Railway at or near St. Tite, the whole according to plans approved by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

South Shore
Railway Com-
pany.

5. A sum of fifty thousand dollars, to be taken out of the balance of the two subsidies above mentioned, may be granted by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to the South Shore Railway Company or its representatives, to aid in the construction of the bridge over the Richelieu river within the limits of the city of Sorel, and such sum shall be paid on the monthly estimates of the company's engineer approved by the government engineer.

2. The work of constructing the said bridge shall be commenced within the six months following the close of the present session, be carried on without interruption and be completed on or before the first of January, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven.

3. In default of the company complying with the said condition, the said subsidy may be transferred to any other company which may establish, to the satisfaction of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, that it is in a position to build the said bridge, as well as a line of railway, between Sorel and Levis, through the counties of Yamaska, Nicolet, Lotbinière and Levis to the Chaudière, to connect at Saint Joseph de Sorel with the Montreal and Sorel Railway, so as to give a direct railway service on the south shore of the Saint Lawrence between Saint Lambert and Levis, opposite Quebec.

Extension of
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6. The time fixed for the completion of certain railways shall be extended for one year for the following companies, in view of the evidence which they have given of their resources to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council:

1. The Lake Temiscamingue Colonization Railway Company;
2. The Lotbinière and Megantic Railway Company;
3. The Great Northern and Lower Laurentian Railway Companies;
4. The Baie des Chaleurs Railway Company;
5. The Quebec Central Railway Company;
6. The Orford Mountain Railway Company;
7. The United Counties Railway Company;
8. The East Richelieu Valley Railway Company.

7. Whereas, under a transfer by the Baie des Chaleurs Railway Company of a portion of the subsidies granted by the Legislature for that railway, duly notified to the Government, the Ontario Bank made advances to the company to provide the means for carrying out the works, and, notwithstanding the said notification, the balance of the subsidy was, by the Government of the day, paid to other parties, to the exclusion of the claim of the bank, as set forth in the Order in Council number 80, of the 11th of February, 1894,—it shall be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to pay to the said bank, in discharge of the liability of the Government to it, and on account of the Baie des Chaleurs Railway Company, a sum not exceeding twenty-eight thousand, five hundred and forty-six dollars, with interest thereon from the 30th of November, 1889, at the rate of four per cent; provided that the said sum with interest shall be charged against the said Baie des Chaleurs Railway Company, and that the recourse of the Government against the said company for the recovery of the said sum with interest shall be specially reserved.

Payment to
Ontario Bank
for Baie des
Chaleurs
Railway Com-
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8. This act shall come into force on the day of its sanc-
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force.

CAP. III.

An Act respecting the relief to certain parishes which suffered damage in April, 1894, from the overflowing of the River Ste. Anne.

[Assented to 12th January, 1895.]

WHEREAS the overflowing of the river Ste. Anne in the month of April, 1894, caused great damage to the parishes of Ste. Anne, St. Casimir and St. Albans, and destroyed bridges over the river Ste. Anne; Preamble.

Whereas the losses then suffered by the inhabitants of the said parishes render it necessary to come to their aid;

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

1. It shall be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to grant, upon such conditions, in such manner and for such purposes as he may deem expedient, a sum not exceeding twelve thousand dollars for the parishes of St. Grant to
parishes of St.
Anne, St
Casimir and
St. Albans.