

CAP. III.

An Act respecting subsidies to certain railways.

[Assented to 27th February, 1893.]

WHEREAS, by letter dated the 16th June, 1891, written Preamble.
to Mr. A. M. Thom, secretary-treasurer of the Baie des Chaleurs Railway Company, by the Honorable P. Garneau, Commissioner of Public Works and Prime Minister *ad interim*, at that time, a sum of seventy thousand dollars, was promised, so as to make an advance to the said railway of three thousand five hundred dollars per mile on the twenty miles comprised between the sixtieth and eightieth miles ;

Whereas, upon such promise, a contract was entered into between Mr. M. J. Hogan and the said Baie des Chaleurs Railway Company (which was afterwards notified to the Railway Department) for the construction of two sections of ten miles extending from the sixtieth to the eightieth mile ; and whereas, without such formal promise, the said contract would not have been concluded ; whereas the said sum of seventy thousand dollars forms part of the price of the said contract ; whereas both sections have in fact been almost entirely constructed by the said Hogan, and he requires, before completing his contract and handing over the said railway, that the payment of the said sum of seventy thousand dollars be guaranteed by the Government in addition to the subsidies voted for the construction of the said twenty miles by the acts 45 Victoria, chapter 23, section 1, paragraph *b*, and 51-52 Victoria, chapter 91, section 12.

Whereas it is necessary, for the completion of the two sections of the said railway, comprised between the sixtieth and eightieth mile, to carry out the formal promise of the said Honourable P. Garneau, which promise was approved by his colleagues of the Executive Council of that time ;

And whereas it is expedient to amend the laws respecting certain other railway subsidies heretofore granted by this Legislature ;

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

1. Out of the subsidies of one hundred and forty thousand dollars voted by this Legislature for the construction of the two sections of the said railway comprised between the eightieth and one hundredth mile, the sum of seventy thousand dollars may be applied to the two sections comprised between the sixtieth and eightieth mile, and be paid to Doubling up, on portion of road, certain subsidy to Baie des Chaleurs Railway.
Conditions thereof.

the said M. J. Hogan, on the following conditions, the first two of which are indicated in the said letter of the 16th June, 1891, to wit:

When such portion of railway to be considered as finished.

a. No portion of the said railway, over a length of eighty miles, to wit: from the junction with the Intercolonial at Metapediac, in the county of Bonaventure, shall be considered as finished so long as a report showing the state of the road, equipment and bridges shall not have been made by the Government engineer, establishing, to the satisfaction of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, that the said road is built, equipped and in working order;

Deposit of bonds as security for completion.

b. As a guarantee that the railway shall be so completed as far as Paspébiac, the said Baie des Chaleurs Railway Company shall deposit with the Provincial Treasurer, before the payment of the seventy thousand dollars on the completion of the eightieth mile, two hundred thousand dollars of the company's debentures, of the same issue as those already deposited in the hands of the Government;

When amount to be paid over.

c. The said sum of seventy thousand dollars shall be paid to the said M. J. Hogan, only one year after the said twenty miles of the said road shall have been completed and put in working order.

Application of certain subsidy to Lower Laurentian Railway Company.

2. It shall be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to pay the subsidies granted, for a distance of thirty-three miles, to the Lower Laurentian Railway Company, by the act 54 Victoria, chapter 88, section 1, paragraph *k*, in the following manner, to wit: a sum, representing the subsidy of ten miles, may be applied for the construction of the bridge over the river St. Maurice, at or below Grandes Piles, on the monthly estimates of the cost of the work certified by the Government engineer; and the balance in the manner prescribed by the Provincial Statutes then in force on twenty-three miles of the railway, from its present terminus at the Grandes Piles, in a westerly direction, to a point of junction with the Great Northern Railway, which alteration in the line is hereby authorized.

Subsidy may be transferred.

3. It shall be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to transfer, or to allow the Lower Laurentian Railway Company to transfer, the subsidies above mentioned, to the Great Northern Railway Company, or to any other company which may establish, to the satisfaction of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, its ability to construct a first class railway to connect the Lower Laurentian Railway with the Great Northern Railway, and work the same in a satisfactory manner and keep up an efficient service; the said subsidies not to be paid in any case, both as regards what may be or may become due to the Lower Laurentian Railway Company, or the Great Northern Railway, until

Conditions.

Further conditions as to running and traffic arrangements to reach Parry Sound.

it shall have been proved, to the satisfaction of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, that running and traffic arrangements have been completed with the Canada Atlantic Railway Company, or any other company whose starting point shall be at a place called Parry Sound, in the Province of Ontario, on Georgian Bay, by which a regular direct and permanent service for passenger and freight traffic shall be established between the Province of Ontario and the Province of Quebec; the following lines of railway shall be utilized in establishing such service for the distances and in the directions given below :

1. The Quebec and Lake St. John Railway, starting from Quebec and running in a westerly direction to the junction at Rivière à Pierre. 58 Miles
2. To the west of Rivière à Pierre, the Lower Laurentian Railway, now built as far as Grandes Piles..... 40 “
3. A new line to be built from the Grandes Piles to Sainte Julienne; the construction of the said line being authorized by the act 45 Victoria, chapter 54, incorporating a company called the Three Rivers and North Western Railway, and at present under the act 51-52 Victoria, chapter 96, the Saint Lawrence and North Western Railway..... 75 “
4. From Ste. Julienne to St. Jérôme, the Great Northern Railway..... 18 “
5. From St Jérôme to Grenville on the Ottawa River, including a bridge over the said river at Hawkesbury, a new line of railway authorized by law..... 35 “
6. From Hawkesbury, the Canada Atlantic or any other railway running through Ottawa and direct to Parry Sound.....324 “

What lines to be used for such purposes.

The said railway to be so built, equipped and put in operation within the delays prescribed by the special acts governing each of the links which are to form part thereof, and also by the various laws of a general character which are now in force or which may hereafter come into force.

When road to be built and equipped.

4. It shall be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, when the companies interested shall have submitted to him a deed of agreement to that effect, authorized by their respective boards of management, after having obtained the approval of the shareholders of the said com-

Grant to Ottawa and Gatineau Railway Co., of grant heretofore given to Ottawa

Colonization
Railway Co.,
and conditions
thereof.

pany, to give to the Ottawa and Gatineau Valley Railway Company, the land subsidy which may be due to the Ottawa Colonization Railway Company under the act 45 Victoria, chapter 23, section 1, paragraph *f*,—the said subsidy being converted into money at the rate of thirty-five cents per acre out of seventy cents, according to law, and representing the sum of seventy-two thousand eight hundred dollars,—which subsidy shall be paid at the rate five thousand one hundred and sixty-one dollars per mile on the fourteen miles or thereabouts from the fortieth mile going towards the direction of the Desert ; the said subsidy to be payable on the conditions stipulated in the laws now in force or which may hereafter come into force.

Certain provi-
sions of 51-52
V., c. 91, s.
14, 53 V., c.
102, and 54
V., c. 88, s. 7,
may be reviv-
ed in favor of
certain com-
panies.

5. It shall be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to revive the provisions contained in section 14 of the act 51-52 Victoria, chapter 91, and in the acts 53 Victoria, chapter 102, and 54 Victoria, chapter 88, section 7, in favor of the railway companies whose right to their land subsidies has not lapsed, which have not yet effected the conversion into money of their non-forfeited land grants, and which have complied and shall comply with the obligations set forth in the act 54 Victoria, chapter 88, and in all other acts relating thereto, now in force or which may hereafter come into force ; and, in default of such companies effecting the conversion into money of the said subsidies before the first of September next, and building their lines within the delays prescribed by the laws now in force, or which shall be hereafter in force, the said land subsidies shall lapse.

Proviso.

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An Act respecting the construction of railways subsidized by the Government.

[Assented to 27th February, 1893.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS it has become necessary to assure the proper application of the subsidies granted to railways by the Government ;

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

When rail-
way compa-
nies subsid-
ed by Province
are to com-
mence, &c.,
their works.

1. Every railway company subsidized by the Government, whose right to a subsidy has not become lapsed, shall commence its works of construction, or resume its works, if they have been discontinued, on or before the first day