

1. The time, during which the company may perform the works authorized by its charter and the acts amending the same, shall be five years from the date of the coming into force of this act. Delay for completing works.

C A P . L X V I .

An Act to incorporate the Blandford Railway Company.

[Assented to 27th February, 1893.]

WHEREAS the persons hereinafter named, and others, Preamble. have, by their petition, represented that the construction of a line of railway from or near Bulstrode Station, on the Three Rivers Branch of the Grand Trunk Railway Company, passing through the townships of Bulstrode and Maddington, in the county of Arthabaska, and part of the parish of St. Pierre les Becquets, and having its terminus at the river Duchêne, in the township of Blandford, would be beneficial to all these said localities in general as a colonization road and to the said petitioners in particular;

Whereas the said persons have prayed to be incorporated as a company for the purpose of building, equipping and working the said railway, and whereas it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition;

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

1. George Herbert Church and David Mitchell, of the township of Simpson, and Vivian Burrill, of the township of Wendover, traders, and all others who may hereafter unite with them, are constituted a corporation under the name of the "Blandford Railway Company." Certain persons incorporated. Name.

2. The said company, its agents and servants, are authorized to lay out, construct, make, put in operation and run a railway from or near the station of Bulstrode, on the Three Rivers Branch of the Grand Trunk Railway Company, in the county of Arthabaska, to or near the river Duchêne, in the township of Blandford, crossing in a straight, or nearly straight line, the townships of Bulstrode and Maddington, part of the parish of St. Pierre les Becquets—if necessary—and the said township of Blandford. Power to build, &c., certain railway.

3. The company shall have all the powers and privileges conferred by the law respecting railways, not inconsistent with the provisions of this act, and more specially shall have power to acquire and enjoy the necessary ground for the purpose of constructing the said railway, and neces- General powers.

sary buildings, in the manner provided by the said railway law ; to construct the necessary sheds, stations and other buildings ; to make a tariff for freight and passengers, and to equip the said railway in good running order.

Head office.

4. The head office and chief place of business of the company shall be at Ste. Anne du Sault, township of Maddington.

Capital stock;
shares.

5. The capital stock of the company shall be one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, divided into fifteen hundred shares of one hundred dollars each; which capital may be increased, if deemed necessary or expedient by the majority in amount of the shareholders of the said company.

Increase of
capital.

Provisional
directors.

6. The said George Herbert Church, David Mitchell and Vivian Burrill are hereby constituted and appointed the first board of directors of the company, and, until others are appointed in the manner hereinafter prescribed, they shall form the board of directors of the said company. The majority of them shall form a quorum for the transaction of business; the said David Mitchell being the president, the said George Herbert Church being the vice-president, and the said Vivian Burrill the secretary and treasurer of the said company, with power to open stock-books for the subscription of shares in the capital stock of the said company.

Quorum.

President, &c.

Powers.

Power of provisional board
to cause surveys, &c., to
be made and to commence
works.

7. The said first and provisional board of directors of the said company shall have the right and power to cause surveys and plans of the said road to be made, and to commence working at and laying out the said road or railway.

When first
meeting shall
be held.

8. So soon as twenty-five per cent of the capital stock of the company shall have been *bonâ fide* duly subscribed, and ten per cent thereof duly *bonâ fide* paid in the hands of the said secretary and treasurer, it shall become the duty of the said president or secretary to call the first general meeting of the shareholders of the said company for the general election of officers and transaction of business; and in default of so doing by the said president and secretary within ten days, two of the said shareholders, having right to vote at such meeting, shall have the right to call such meeting.

When and
where meetings
are to be held
and upon what
notice.

9. The said meeting and any subsequent general meeting shall be held at the head office of the company, on the day and hour specified in the written notice calling such meeting, which notice shall be given by registered letter to each shareholder, at least eight days in advance.

10. The shareholders, at their said first general meeting, shall proceed to elect not more than five nor less than three directors of the said company, and no such director shall be elected unless he holds at least ten shares in the capital stock of the company, in his own name and for his own use and benefit, and unless he has paid all his dues and calls thereon.

11. The said first general meeting, and any subsequent general meeting of the shareholders of the company shall be presided over by the president, or the vice-president, or, in their default, by any duly qualified shareholder selected, or elected by the meeting; and the election of officers, or any other matter submitted to the meeting, shall be decided by the majority in amount of the votes of the shareholders present, or duly represented by proxies, each share counting for one vote; but no shareholder in default of paying his dues and calls shall have the right to vote at such meeting or meetings, and in case of a tie, the presiding officer shall have his casting vote. The voting shall take place *viva voce* or by ballot, at the option of the meeting, not otherwise provided.

12. The majority of the directors elected by the said shareholders of the said company shall form a quorum for the transaction of business.

13. It shall be lawful for the said shareholders of the said company, at their said first general meeting, or at any subsequent general meeting, to make, amend or revoke any by-law or by-laws for the good administration of the affairs of the company in general, the policy, conduct and duties of the shareholders and officers of the company, and the transaction of the affairs of the company, and for any other matters not incompatible with the provisions of this act.

14. The directors of the said company shall remain in office after their election until replaced by others elected in the manner provided by this act.

15. Each year, after the first general election of the said directors, a general meeting of the said shareholders of the said company shall be called and held, at the same place and in the same manner as aforesaid, for the election of a new board of directors of the said company for the ensuing year, and the same directors may be re-elected.

16. In case of death, absence from the country, resignation or disqualification of one or more of the directors, the remaining directors or director, or, in their or his default,

two duly qualified shareholders shall have the right to call a special general meeting of the shareholders for the election of the necessary number of directors to fill such vacancy or vacancies ; which said meeting shall be called and held at the place and in the manner prescribed in this act ; and any other special general meeting, when deemed expedient or necessary, shall be called and held in the same manner.

Contestation,
&c., how to
be settled.

17. Any contestation arising out of the election of directors, or relating to any matter decided at any special or general meeting of the shareholders of the said company, shall be taken before the Superior Court of the district or a judge of the said court, within thirty days after the commission of the act complained of, but no later, upon the petition of any interested party, duly served on the opposite party, at least eight days before the day of its presentation to the court or judge, and the same shall be tried and decided in a summary manner, and the judgment of the said court shall be final.

Power of com-
pany to make
contracts, &c.

18. The company, through its directors, shall have the right to make all contracts necessary to attain the ends and purposes of this act, and to enforce such contracts ; to accept, issue, endorse any notes, bills of exchange, drafts, cheques, and to negotiate the same ; and such contracts, bills of exchange, promissory notes, drafts, cheques, made or endorsed, drawn or accepted by the president or vice-president, and countersigned by the secretary, authorized by the board of directors, when the amount involved shall not exceed five hundred dollars, shall be legal and binding.

Power to col-
lect calls, &c

19. The said company, through its directors, shall have the right to enforce the collection and payment on the stock subscribed by and against every shareholder in default of paying his calls on his shares, in the manner provided by the by-laws of the company, by suits before courts of competent jurisdiction, and to claim interest from any such shareholder in default, from the date his calls were due and payable.

Power to re-
ceive aid.

20. The company is authorized to receive aids and grants from any municipal corporation, or from any other corporation, association or person.

Power to bor-
row money,
&c., issue
bonds.

21. The company, through its directors, is authorized to borrow money to complete, maintain and work the said railway, to issue and negotiate mortgage-bonds, bearing interest for the repayment of the said bonds, or any other purposes in due course of the business of the company.

Such bonds shall be payable at the time and place and in the manner provided for by the by-laws of the company, if any, or by the board of directors; which said mortgage-bonds shall be considered and admitted by all parties therein interested as the first mortgage and privileged claim of the said railway and accessories, without the formality of registration, notwithstanding any law to the contrary, and, in fact as well as in law, shall be (the said bonds) the first claim, mortgage and privilege upon the moveables and immoveables of the said company.

22. The company shall have the right, upon a resolution of the majority in amount of the shareholders to that effect, to sell, lease, give running powers or amalgamate the said railway to or with any other chartered company, corporation or person.

23. The company shall have the right to commence their work in laying out and constructing the said railway at either end of the said line; half of the said line of the said railway shall be completed on or before the first day of May, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, and the other half on or before the first day of May, eighteen hundred and ninety-five.

24. The responsibility of the shareholders of the company shall not extend over or exceed the unpaid amount of their subscription to the capital stock of the company.

25. All deeds and conveyances of lands to the company may be made and accepted by the president, vice-president or secretary of the company, or any other person duly authorized by the board of directors; and any such contract may be made in the form given in the schedule A of this act, or in any other form to the same effect.

SCHEDULE A.

FORM OF DEED OF SALE.

Know all men, by these presents, that I, A. B., of
do hereby, and in consideration of the sum of
paid to me by the Blandford Railway Com-
pany, a body politic and corporate, having its principal
place of business at
hereto represented and accepting through, (*insert the name
of the representative of the company*), the receipt whereof is
hereby acknowledged, grant, bargain, sell and convey to

the said Blandford Railway Company, their successors and assigns, all that tract or parcel of land (*describe the land*), the same having been selected and laid out by the said company for the purpose of their railway ; to have and to hold the said land and premises unto the said company, their successors and assigns for ever.

Signed, sealed and delivered	}	A. B.,	(L. S.)
in presence of		Vendor,	
on the	}	C. D.,	(L. S.)
day of		Purchaser for the company,	
one thousand eight hundred	}		(L. S.)
and ninety at			

CAP. LXVII.

An Act to incorporate the Cap Rouge, Sillery and St. Lawrence Railway Company.

[Assented to 27th February, 1893.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS the Honourable John Roche and others have, by petition, prayed that a company be incorporated for the purpose of building the railway hereinafter described ; and whereas the building of such railway would greatly benefit the trade and tend to the prosperity, as well of part of the county of Quebec as of the city of Quebec, and whereas it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition ;

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

Certain persons incorporated.

1. The Honourable John Roche, John Sharples, James Timmony, Honoré Falardeau, William Power, Michel Langlois and Pierce Murphy, with all such persons and corporations as shall become shareholders in the company hereby incorporated, shall be and are hereby constituted a corporation, under the name of the "Cap Rouge, Sillery and St. Lawrence Railway Company."

Name.

Powers granted to company.

2. The company and their servants shall have full power and authority to lay out, construct, make and finish a double or single track of iron or steel railway, from some point on the Lake St. John Railway in or near the parish of Ancienne Lorette, in the county of Quebec, intersecting the North Shore Railway, now the property of the Canadian Pacific Railway, running by the river Cap Rouge to the river St. Lawrence, thence following the north shore of the river St. Lawrence through the coves or through