

stances permit, be in the form of schedule A to this act annexed, or in words of like import.

**19.** The railway shall be completed within five years Completion of railway. from the passing of this act.

**20.** This act shall come into force on the day of its Coming into force of act. sanction.

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## SCHEDULE A.

### DEED OF SALE.

Know all men by these presents that I, A. B., of  
in consideration of the sum of  
, paid to me by the Joliette  
and St. Jean de Matha Railway Company, the receipt  
whereof is hereby acknowledged, grant, bargain, sell and  
convey unto the said Joliette and St. Jean de Matha Com-  
pany, all that tract or parcel of land (*describe land*), selected  
and designated by the said company for the purposes of  
its railway; to have and to hold the said land and premi-  
ses unto the said company, its successors and assigns  
forever.

Witness my hand, at , this day  
, one thousand eight hundred

Signed, sealed and delivered }  
in presence of } A. B. (L. S.)  
C. D.  
E. F.

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## CAP. CIII.

An Act to incorporate the St. Maurice Railway Company.

[Assented to 12th July, 1888.]

**W**HEREAS the following persons, namely: Reverend L. Preamble.  
E. A. Dupuis, Reverend J. B. Chrétien and Messrs. Er-  
nest Rinfret, F. S. Tourigny, L. H. Paquette, M. D., François  
Trudel, P. V. Chaillez, Henri Dessureault, Joseph Reynar,  
Charles Pagé and Leon Gervais have petitioned the Legis-  
lature for an act of incorporation for the purpose of build-  
ing a railway from the city of Three Rivers to a point on  
the River St. Maurice at or near La Tuque, passing by the

most convenient line; and whereas it is expedient to grant their prayer; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows:

Persons incorporated.

**1.** The Reverend Messrs. L. E. A. Dupuis, and J. B. Chrétien and Messrs. Ernest Rinfret, P. V. Chaillez, F. S. Tourigny, L. H. Paquette, M. D., François Trudel, Henri Dessureault, Joseph Reynar, Charles Pagé and Léon Gervais and such other persons or corporations as may become subscribers and shareholders in the company hereby incorporated, shall be and are hereby declared, constituted and acknowledged a body corporate and politic under the name of the "St. Maurice Railway Company."

Power to build certain railway.

**2.** The company may lay out and construct, make, finish, run and work a single or double railway of such width as the company shall see fit, from the city of Three Rivers, by the most advantageous line, to a point on the River St. Maurice at or near La Tuque.

Power to build road in sections.

The company shall have power to construct the different sections of the railway in such order as they may deem expedient, following the general direction as hereinbefore provided.

Power to build bridges.

**3.** The company may erect and construct such bridges as they may require for the purposes of the said railway, over any part of any river as they may deem necessary or advisable, with the right, if they think proper, to adapt such bridges to the passage of horses, vehicles and passengers, subject to the clauses, stipulations and conditions of the Quebec Consolidated Railway Act, 1880; and in case any such bridge shall be used by the public as a toll-bridge, the rates and tolls shall be fixed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

May adapt such bridges for horses, etc.

Tolls to be fixed for such purpose.

Company may take waste lands of Crown with consent of Lieutenant-Governor.

**4.** The company may, with the consent of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, take and appropriate, for the passage of the said railway but without power to alienate the same, so much of the Crown lands, not already conceded or sold, lying along the route of its said railway as may be necessary for building and completing the same.

Capital stock.

**5.** The capital stock of the company shall not exceed in the aggregate (unless increased under the provisions of the Quebec Consolidated Railway Act, 1880) the sum of three hundred thousand dollars, divided into thirty thousand shares of ten dollars each; which amount shall be furnished and raised by the persons hereinbefore named, and such other persons and such corporations and

Shares.

By whom to be raised.

municipalities as have or may become holders of shares in the company by subscribing to the stock thereof ;

The money so raised shall be applied in the first place to the payment of all fees, expenses and disbursements for procuring the passing of this act, and for making the surveys, plans and estimates connected with the railway.

Application of proceeds in first instance.

The rest and residue of such money shall be applied towards making, completing, maintaining and working the said railway and for the other purposes of this act.

Application of residue.

6. The said Reverend Messrs. L. E. A. Dupuis and J. B. Chrétien, and Messrs. Ernest Rinfret, F. S. Tourigny, L. H. Paquette, M. D., François Trudel, Henri Dessureault, Joseph Reynar, Charles Pagé, Léon Gervais and P. V. Chaillez shall

Provisional directors.

be and are hereby constituted a board of directors of the said company, and shall hold office as such until other directors are appointed by the shareholders, under the provisions of this act, and shall have power and authority to fill up vacancies in their number from among the shareholders, to open stock-books and procure subscriptions for the undertaking, to make calls upon the subscribers, to cause surveys and plans to be made and executed, to call a general meeting of shareholders for the election of directors, as hereinafter provided, and generally to do all other such acts as such board, under the said Quebec Consolidated Railway Act, 1880, may do.

Term of office.

Powers.

7. All persons, municipalities or corporations, subscribing to the capital stock of the said company, shall be considered proprietors and partners in the same, but shall be liable only to the extent of the amount of their stock therein.

Persons subscribing for stock to be partners in undertaking.

The mayor or warden of any municipal corporation, subscribing for stock in the said company to the amount of ten thousand dollars or upwards, shall be *ex-officio* one of the directors of the said company, in addition to the number of directors authorized by this act, and shall have the same rights, powers and duties as any of the directors of the company.

Mayor of municipal corporation subscribing for stock to be *ex-officio* director in addition to others under act.

8. So soon as one tenth part of the said capital stock shall have been subscribed, as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the said directors, or a majority of them, to call a meeting of the shareholders, at such time and place as they may think proper, giving at least two weeks' notice, in one newspaper published in the city of Three Rivers, and in one newspaper published in each of the cities of Quebec and Montreal and by registered letter addressed to each such shareholder.

When first meeting for election of directors to be called.

Notice therefor.

Election of directors.

Number.

Term of office.

At such general meeting and at the annual general meetings in the following sections mentioned, the shareholders present, either in person or represented by proxy, shall elect five directors, in the manner and qualified as hereinafter provided, which said five directors shall constitute a board of directors and shall hold office until the first Monday in May in the year following their election.

Annual meeting.

Where held.

Election of directors.

Notice of meeting.

Elections by ballot.

Composition of board.

Quorum.

Paid directors.

Qualification of directors.

Shareholders' right to vote.

Calls.

Amount limited.

Notice for calls.

**9.** On the said first Monday in May and on the first Monday of May in each year thereafter, there shall be holden a general meeting of the shareholders of the company, at the principal office of the said company in the city of Three Rivers.

At such meeting the shareholders shall elect five directors for the then ensuing year, in the manner and qualified as hereinafter provided.

Public notice of such annual general meeting and election shall be published at least two weeks before the day of election, in at least one newspaper published in each of the cities of Three Rivers, Quebec and Montreal; and notice of such meeting shall be sent to each such shareholder by registered letter.

All the elections of directors shall be by ballot; and the persons so elected, together with the *ex-officio* directors, if there be any such, under the said Quebec Consolidated Railway Act, 1880, shall form the board of directors.

**10.** Three directors shall form a quorum for the transaction of business, and the board of directors may employ one or more of their number as paid director or directors.

No person shall be elected director unless he shall be the holder and owner of at least fifty shares of the stock of the company and shall have paid up all calls upon the said stock.

**11.** In the election of directors, under this act, and in the transaction of business at the general shareholders' meetings, each shareholder shall be entitled to as many votes as he holds shares, upon which the calls have been paid up, and be entitled to vote either in person or by proxy.

**12.** The directors may, at any time, call upon the shareholders for such instalments upon each share, which they or any of them may hold in the capital stock of the company, and in such proportion as they may see fit, except that no such instalment shall exceed ten per cent on the subscribed capital and that one month's notice of each call shall be given in such manner as the directors shall see fit, and notice thereof shall, in addition, be sent to each such shareholder by registered letter

**13.** All deeds and conveyances of lands to the said company, for the purposes of this act, in so far as circumstances will admit, may be in the form of Schedule A to this act subjoined, or in any other form to the like effect. Form of deeds for lands.

For the purposes of due enregistration of the same, all registrars in their respective counties, are required to register, in their registry books, such deeds and conveyances, upon the production and proof of the due execution thereof, without any memorial, and shall minute the enregistration or entry on such deed. Proceedings for registration.

The registrar shall receive from the said company, for all fees on every such registration and for a certificate of the same, fifty cents and no more. Registrar's fee.

Such registration shall be deemed to be valid in law, any statute or provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding. Effect of registration.

**14.** The directors, or a majority of them, may supply the place of any of their number, from time to time, dying or declining to act as such, from among the several persons being subscribers for or owning and holding shares in the said company sufficient to qualify him to act as director as aforesaid. Vacancies in board.

**15.** The company shall have power and authority to become party to promissory notes and bills of exchange, for sums not less than one hundred dollars. Power of company to become party to notes, etc.

Any such promissory note made or endorsed or bill of exchange drawn, accepted or endorsed by the president or vice-president of the board of directors of the company, and counter-signed by the secretary-treasurer thereof, and under the authority of a quorum of the directors, shall be binding on the company. Notes, etc., binding upon company.

Every such promissory note or bill of exchange, shall be presumed to have been made with proper authority, until the contrary be shown; and in no case shall it be necessary to have the seal of the said company affixed to such promissory note or bill of exchange, nor shall the president or vice-president or the secretary and treasurer be individually responsible for the same, unless the said promissory note or bill of exchange has been issued without the sanction and authority of the board of directors, as herein provided. Notes, etc., to be presumed as lawfully made. Seal not necessary. Officers signing not personally responsible.

**16.** The directors of the company shall have the power, upon being duly authorized thereto by a vote of the majority of the shareholders in the said company, present at any annual meeting in the month of May for the purpose of electing directors, or at any general meeting of the shareholders, whereof notice shall have been given in the Power to issue mortgage bonds.

manner hereinabove provided, in the case of a general annual meeting and election, and in which notice shall be stated and published the object of such meeting, to issue their bonds, made and signed by the president or vice-president of the company, and countersigned by the secretary-treasurer, and under the seal of the company, for the purpose of raising money for prosecuting the undertaking, to a total amount not exceeding fifteen thousand dollars per mile of the said railway.

When bonds may be issued.

Such bonds or debentures shall be issued only when and in proportion as each section of ten miles of the railway, shall be completed or given out by contract, and shall not be less than five hundred dollars each.

Effect of mortgage bonds.

Such bonds shall be and be considered to be privileged claims upon the property of the company, and shall bear hypothec upon the said railway without registration.

Bonds not to be issued until 10 per cent of capital expended.

No such bonds, bearing such hypothec, shall be issued until after ten per cent of the whole capital stock of the company, as provided by this act, shall have been expended in and upon the said railway.

Bonds, etc., may be payable to bearer. Transfer of bonds, etc., in such case.

**17.** All bonds, debentures and other securities to be issued by the company, may be payable to bearer.

Rights of transferee.

All such bonds, debentures and other securities of the company and all dividend or interest warrants thereon, respectively, which shall purport to be payable to bearer, shall be assignable at law by mere delivery, and may be sued on and enforced by the respective bearers or holders and owners thereof, for the time being, in their own names.

Company may agree with other company for the lease of railway or part thereof, hiring locomotives, etc., and generally as to all services.

**18.** It shall be lawful for the said company to enter into any agreement with any other railway company, in this Province, for leasing the said railway or any part thereof, or the use thereof, at any time, or for any period, or for leasing or hiring any railway, or part thereof, or the use thereof, or for the leasing or hiring any locomotives or moveable property, and generally to enter into any such agreement, touching any service to be rendered by one railway company to the other and the compensation therefor; and any such agreement shall be valid and binding, and shall be enforced by courts of law according to the terms and tenor thereof.

Agreement to be valid and be legally enforced.

Stock not to be sold below par.

**19.** It shall not be lawful for the directors to sell below par value any of the shares of the capital stock which are not subscribed.

Confiscation of shares.

**20.** The directors may confiscate the shares of any shareholder who shall be in default for the payment of any call

thereon duly made, and thereafter they may sell or dispose of such confiscated shares as they see fit.

**21.** The work of constructing the said railway shall be *bonâ fide* commenced within two years, and the railway shall be completed within ten years from the passing of this act.

**22.** This act shall be subject to the said Quebec Consolidated Railway Act, 1880, except in so far as the special provisions of this act may be inconsistent therewith.

**23.** This act shall come into force on the day of its <sup>Coming into</sup> sanction. <sub>force.</sub>

## SCHEDULE A.

FORM OF DEED OF SALE.

Know all men by these presents that I, A. B., of \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby, in consideration of \_\_\_\_\_ paid to me by the St. Maurice Railway Company, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said St. Maurice Railway Company, its successors and assigns, all that tract or parcel of land (*description*) the same having been selected and laid out by the said company for the purposes of its railway; to have and to hold the said land and premises unto the said company, its successors and assigns for ever.

Witness my hand and seal at,           this                 day of  
one thousand eight hundred and

Signed, sealed and delivered }  
in presence of }

(L. S.)

C. D.

E. F.

## CAP. CIV.

An Act to incorporate the St. Chrysostôme Railway Company.

[Assented to 12th July, 1888.]

**WHEREAS** James Brown, merchant ; Reverend A. Wilfrid Seers, priest ; Narcisse Beaudoin, Louis Beaudoin, Malcolm McFee, all three farmers, of the parish of St. Jean Chrysostôme, in the district of Beauharnois ; Jean Baptiste