

I wish to inform your Council that if the corporation of Montreal consent to accept the system of expropriation prescribed for the building of the railway, the government will commence expropriation proceedings immediately, and this, after all, would be the best plan to adopt.

If, on the contrary, you wish to have the expropriation made according to the plan adopted for municipal improvements, you would be obliged to wait special legislation for that purpose, and that would necessarily cause considerable delay.

In the meantime the government is ready to appoint a person who, with the person appointed by the corporation for that purpose, would attend to the expropriation in all cases in which it will be possible to come to an amicable arrangement with the proprietors.

I have reason to believe that by this means we could acquire nearly all the property required for the construction of the railway without having recourse to forced expropriation.

On receipt of your reply the government will immediately appoint some one, so that proceedings may be taken without delay.

(Signed), J. A. CHAPLEAU,
Commissioner.

CAP. III.

An Act to amend the Acts respecting Subsidies in Money to certain Railways.

[Assented to 30th June, 1881.]

WHEREAS, by an Act passed during the present Preamble. Session, the franchise of the Levis and Kennebec Railway Company has been transferred to the Quebec Central Railway Company, and power given to the latter company, under certain conditions, to change the proposed route of the Levis and Kennebec Railway, and it has thereby become necessary and advisable to confirm to the said Quebec Central Railway Company all rights and privileges, in regard to subsidies to which the Levis and Kennebec Railway Company was entitled: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows:

1. All aid, in the form of subsidy, to which the Levis Subsidy under and Kennebec Railway Company was entitled from this cert. in acts to Province, under the several aid Acts, 32 Victoria, chapter Levis and ~~Kennebec~~ Kennebec

Railway Com-
pany, renewed
and confirmed
to Quebec
Central Rail-
way Company.

Proviso, as to
amount.

Payment of
subsidy.

Rights and
privileges
limited.

Act in force.

52; 37 Victoria, chapter 2; 38 Victoria, chapter 2; 40 Victoria, chapter 3; and 41 Victoria, chapter 2; is hereby transferred, renewed and confirmed to the Quebec Central Railway Company, upon the terms and conditions mentioned in the said acts, for the uncompleted portions of the line of the said Levis and Kennebec Railway, including the portion of the said railway, the building of which is authorized by section 2 of the act of the present Session, intituled : "An Act to amend the Charter of the Quebec Central Railway Company." Provided that, in constructing that part of the line of the said railway as authorized by section 2 of the said act of the present Session, the said Quebec Central Railway Company, shall not be entitled to a larger subsidy than was granted to the said Levis and Kennebec Railway Company, to construct the extension of their line from its present terminus in the parish of Notre-Dame de Lévis to a point at the wharves, at deep water, in Lauzon ward in the town of Levis.

2. The said subsidy shall be paid, as aforesaid, to the said Quebec Central Railway Company, upon the latter constructing the said uncompleted portion of the line of the said Levis and Kennebec Railway, (including the portion to deep water as aforesaid), and as the work progresses on the line of the said route.

3. The transfer of the subsidy hereby authorized, shall not be held or construed to confer upon the said Quebec Central Railway Company, any further rights or privileges than those conferred upon them by the said act of the present Session, intituled : "An Act to amend the Charter of the Quebec Central Railway," nor shall it affect the rights of the creditors of the Levis and Kennebec Railway Company.

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

CAP. IV.

An Act to amend the Quebec License Law.

[Assented to 30th June, 1881.]

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

41 V. c. 2, s. 13. 1. Section 13 of the act 41 Victoria, chapter 3, is amended by adding thereto, the following words :