

between St. Johns and Sorel, passing *via* St. Hyacinthe, Ste. Madeleine, or *via* any other place in the county of St. Hyacinthe which shall be found most advantageous and practicable, following the most direct line possible from St. Johns. The company shall have the right to cross the river Richelieu at such place as it shall deem most suitable."

Act in force. 2. This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction.

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An Act to amend the charter of the Quebec Central Railway Company.

[Assented to 30th June, 1881.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS The Quebec Central Railway Company has become purchaser (adjudicataire) at sheriff's sale, of that portion of the Levis and Kennebec Railway which is now constructed and is now in possession thereof, and is working the same; and whereas the Levis and Kennebec Railway Company has surrendered its franchise and right to build, maintain and work a railway, from the foot of the cliff, in the town of Levis, to the frontier of the State of Maine, in favor of the Quebec Central Railway Company; and whereas the latter company is desirous of continuing and completing the said railway to the frontier aforesaid, and also of connecting the same with the wharves at deep water within the said town of Levis; and whereas the Quebec Central Railway Company has, by its petition, represented that to enable it to complete and work the said railway, it is necessary that its charter should be amended; and whereas it is expedient to grant the prayer of its petition;

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

Power to construct railway from deep water in Lauzon ward, Levis, to frontier of Maine, in county of Beauce.

1. The Quebec Central Railway Company shall have full power and authority to lay out, construct, make and finish a single or double railway, with iron or steel rails, of such width and gauge as the company may judge most advantageous, from any point at the wharves at deep water of the river Saint Lawrence in Lauzon ward, in the town of Levis, to a point most convenient on the frontier of the State of Maine, in the county of Beauce, making use of and maintaining for the said line, such part or parts only of the Levis and Kennebec railway, which was acquired by it at sheriff's

sale on the twenty second day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eighty one, as the company may see fit.

2. In constructing said line the said company shall be bound to continue, from the present terminus of the said Levis and Kennebec Railway, in the parish of Notre-Dame de Levis, into Notre-Dame ward in the town of Levis and erect a station there, thence traversing Lauzon ward in the said town of Levis and the villages of Bienville and Lauzon, to arrive at deep water in said Lauzon ward ; provided that, within thirty days from the sanction of the present act, the corporation of the town of Levis furnishes the said company with its valid guarantee and obligation to pay all excess over thirty thousand dollars of the cost of expropriation, for the right of way upon the said described route, in so far as said route traverses the parish of Notre-Dame de Levis, Notre-Dame and Lauzon wards in the town of Levis and the village of Bienville and Lauzon, following the brown line shown on the plan of the said company to be deposited for reference in the Public Works Department of this Province, to the point of intersection with the red line upon said plan ; and in default of said guarantee and obligation being so furnished, the said company shall be relieved of the obligation to adopt the route and erect the station described in this section and shall have the right to avail itself of the provisions of section one of this act, and provided, further, that in the event even of said guarantee and obligation being furnished, as hereinbefore mentioned, the said company shall be relieved of the obligation to adopt the route and erect the station, described in this section, and shall have the right, within one year from the sanction of the present act, to avail itself of the provisions of section one of this act, upon paying to the corporation of the town of Levis the sum of fifty thousand dollars before commencing the work of construction.

Line to be continued from present terminus of Levis and Kennebec Railway in parish of Notre Dame de Lévis

Proviso, as to guarantee town of Levis.

If guarantee be not furnished.

Further proviso.

3. The said line of railway shall form part of the Quebec Central Railway, and all powers, conferred upon the Quebec Central Railway Company, shall apply to and may be exercised, with respect to the said line of Railway, in the same manner as if it had originally formed part of the Quebec Central Railway.

Line to form part of Quebec Central Railway.

4. The power and authority, conferred upon the Levis and Kennebec Railway Company by its act of incorporation, 32 Vict., cap. 54 and the amendments thereto, to lay out, construct and work a Railway, is withdrawn and ceases and determines.

Powers of Levis and Kennebec under 32 V., c. 54, withdrawn.

Term for completing railway.

5. The said line of railway shall be completed within five years from the passing of this act.

Company may sell, &c., its railway.

6. The Quebec Central Railway Company shall have the power and is authorized to sell, lease to or amalgamate with any other railway company, or to acquire any other railway or undertaking, by purchase or lease, or to make any agreement with any other railway company, for granting running powers to, or acquiring running powers from, such other railway company, for such length of time as may be thought best and generally to make any agreement or agreements with any such other company, touching the use by the one or the other, or by both companies of the said railways and undertakings, so purchased or taken by way of transfer, lease, amalgamation or fusion, as aforesaid, or any of them, or any part thereof respectively, or touching any service to be rendered by one company to the other, in relation thereto.

Capital stock may be increased.

7. The capital stock of the Quebec Central Railway Company may be increased, by resolution of the board of directors, at any time or from time to time, to an amount which shall not exceed in the aggregate four thousand five hundred pounds sterling per mile of its railway, as defined by this act, and paragraph 19 of section 7 of the Quebec Consolidated Railway Act, 1880, shall not apply to the company.

Division of stock in shares.

The stock of the company shall be divided into shares of twenty five pounds sterling each and the stock now issued shall be converted into such shares.

Power to issue paid-up shares for bonds of Levis and Kennebec Railway Co.

It shall be lawful for the company to issue paid-up stock, in exchange for bonds of the Levis and Kennebec Railway Company to such holders of lawfully issued bonds thereof as have agreed to accept the same.

Power to issue bonds limited.

8. The bonds which the company may issue, in virtue of section 2 of the act 36 Vict., cap. 47, are limited to the amount of four thousand pounds sterling per mile of its railway, as defined by this act and may be issued in dollars or pounds sterling. The bonds which the company may so issue shall bear first hypothec, as well upon the original portion of the Quebec Central Railway as upon the part added thereto by this act.

Proviso.

Provided however that this act shall not be held to affect the position or privileges of bonds Nos. 506 to 605 inclusive and No. 163 of a previous issue of bonds of said Quebec Central Railway, amounting to £10,000 stg.

Charter of Quebec Central Railway Co.

9. This act and the acts of this province, 32 Vict., chap. 57; 36 Vict., chap. 47; 38 Vict., chap. 45, and 40 Vict., chap. 32, shall be read and interpreted as forming one and

the same act for the purposes of the railway, and may be referred to and cited as "The Charter of the Quebec Central Railway Company."

10 This act shall in nowise affect the rights of the creditors of the Levis and Kennebec Railway Company, nor shall it affect any cases now pending, to which the creditors of either of the said companies are parties.

Act not to affect creditors of Levis and Kennebec Railway or pending cases

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

Act in force.

CAP. XLI.

An Act to amend the Act incorporating the Waterloo and Magog Railway Company.

[Assented to 30th June, 1881.]

WHEREAS the Waterloo and Magog Railway Company have, by their petition, represented that it is desirable to amend their act of incorporation, and it is expedient to grant the prayer of their petition; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows:

Preamble.

1. The time for the completion of the said railway and works connected therewith, is hereby extended to five years, from the passing of this act.

Time for completing railway extended.

2. The said company may sell their railway, with all its property, privileges and franchises to any other incorporated railway company; or may amalgamate with any incorporated railway company; and such sale or amalgamation may be effected by a deed of agreement made with the sanction and approval of the shareholders of both companies, by resolution passed at special meetings thereof, specially called for the purpose, according to their respective acts of incorporation; and such deed of agreement shall only have full force and effect after a duplicate thereof shall have been deposited in the office of the Provincial Secretary of the Province of Quebec, and, from and after the date at which a notice of such deposit shall be published in the *Quebec Official Gazette*; and the said company may also buy and acquire the property and franchise of any other railway with which it connects, and may hire, lease and operate the same.

Power to sell, &c., railway.

Mode of sale, &c.

Power to buy, &c., other railways.

3. Whereas by a notarial deed of sale, executed on the seventeenth day of October, eighteen hundred and seventy

Preamble.