

line thereof, the words: "and that in the month of January in the said year and each year thereafter, and on such day of the month, thereafter, as shall be determined by any by-law," and by substituting therefor the following words: "and that on the first Wednesday of February of each subsequent year on the following day, when the said first Wednesday shall be a legal holiday."

**11.** Section 30 of the said act is hereby amended, S. 30, amended. by striking out of the second line of the said section, in the French version thereof, the word: "*dir.*" and substituting therefor the word: "*dits.*"

**12.** Section 39 of the said act is hereby amended, S. 39, amended. by striking out in the form therein contained, the words: "The St Lawrence and Industry village Railroad Company," and substituting therefor the following words: "The Joliette Railway Company."

**13.** Section 51 of the said act is hereby amended, S. 51, amended. by striking out, in the nineteenth line thereof, the words: "of Montreal," and substituting therefor, the following words: "in which the offence shall have been committed."

**14.** This act shall be deemed a part of the said act of incorporation hereby amended. This act to form part of act of inc.

## C A P . L I .

An act to incorporate the "Ottawa and Gatineau Valley Railway Company."

[Assented to 31st October, 1879]

**WHEREAS** the persons hereinafter named and others, Preamble. have, by their petition, represented that a line of railway to be constructed from a point on the north branch of the Ottawa river at or near the village of Hull, in the township of Hull, to a point at or near the confluence of the rivers Desert and Gatineau, and known as Desert village, running on the west side of the river Gatineau, would colonize and settle the fertile land of the Gatineau valley, and speedily develop its resources; agricultural, manufacturing and mineral, and largely increase the wealth and population of the province of Quebec, and moreover, that the said railway would prove to be a powerful feeder to the Quebec, Montreal,

Ottawa and Occidental Railway, and have prayed to be incorporated as a company for constructing, equipping, running and managing such railway, and 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 :

Incorporation.

**1.** The Honorable George Bryson, the Honorable L. Ruggles Church, Alonzo Wright, M.P., J.M. Currier, M. P., Joseph Tassé, M P., Joshua Ellard, E. B. Eddy, E. McGillivray, Charles Leduc, B. Bainbridge, Chas. Logue, P. Grace, Patrick Farrel, Dr. C. E. Graham, C. Devlin, A. Bourgeau, John Brooks, G. Church, Dr. P. St. Jean, James W. Russell, Patrick Baskerville, M.P.P., Edmond Haycock, John Little, W. D. Leslie, Patrick Logue, James Logue, James McAuly, John Grace, George Johnston, James Martin, Robert McAfee, Hercule Trempe, P. Moar, Thomas Moar and Ls. Duhamel, M. D. M. P. P., J. L. P. O'Hanly, P. L P, Esquires, with all such other persons and corporations as shall become shareholders in the Company hereby incorporated, shall be and are hereby constituted a body corporate and politic, by the name of the : "Ottawa and Gatineau Valley Railway Company," and shall have all powers appertaining to railway corporations in general, and the powers and privileges conferred on such corporations, by the Quebec Railway Act, 1869, subject to the provisions hereinafter mentioned.

Name of corporation and its powers.

Power to construct a railway.

**2.** The said Company and their agents and servants may lay out, construct and finish a single or double line of railway, of such width or gauge as the Company may see fit, from the north side of the Ottawa river, at or near the village of Hull, in the township of Hull, along the west side of the river Gatineau, to a point at or near the Desert village, at or near the confluence of the rivers Desert and Gatineau.

Amount of capital stock.

**3.** The capital stock of the said Company shall not exceed, in the whole, the sum of one million dollars, with power to increase the same as provided by the Quebec Railway Act, 1869, to be divided into forty thousand shares of twenty-five dollars each, which amount shall be raised by the persons hereinafter named, and such other persons and corporations as may become shareholders in the said Company, and 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 road ; and the remainder of such money shall be applied towards making and

Shares.

Application of moneys

completing and maintaining the said railway and other purposes of this act.

4. It shall be lawful for the said Company to receive by grant, either from Government or from any individuals or corporations, municipal or otherwise, either in Canada or elsewhere, as aid in the construction of the said railway, any vacant lots in the vicinity thereof or elsewhere, or any other real or personal property, or any sums of money, either as gifts or by way of bonus, or in payment of stock, and legally to dispose of the same, and alienate the lands or other real or personal property for the purposes of the said Company in carrying out the provisions of this act. Power to purchase.

5. The Honorable George Bryson, the Honorable L. Ruggles Church, Alonzo Wright, M. P., J. M. Currier, M. P., Joseph Tassé, M. P., Joshua Ellard, E. B. Eddy, E. McGillivray, Charles Leduc, B. Bainbridge, Chas. Logue, P. Grace, Patrick Farrell, Dr. C. E. Graham, C. Devlin, A. Bourgeau, John Brooks, G. Church, Dr. P. St. Jean, James W. Russell, Patrick Baskerville, M. P. P., Edward Haycock, John Little, W. A. Leslie, Patrick Logue, James Logue, James McAuly, John Grace, George Johnston, James Martin, Robert McAfee, Hercule Trempe, P. Moar, Thomas Moar and Ls Duhamel, M. D., M. P. P., J. L. P. O Hanly, P. L. P., Esquires, shall be and are hereby constituted a Board of provisional Directors of the Company, nine of whom shall form a quorum, and shall hold office as such, until other directors shall be elected, under the provisions of this act, by the shareholders, and shall have power and authority to fill vacancies occurring therein, to open stock books and procure subscriptions for the undertaking, and to receive payment on account of stock subscribed, and make calls upon subscribers in respect of their stock, and to sue for and recover the same, and to cause surveys and plans to be made and executed, and to acquire any plans and surveys now existing, and to deposit, in any chartered bank of Canada, any sums of money received by them on account of stock subscribed, and to withdraw the same for the purposes of the undertaking, and to receive for the Company, any gift made to it in aid of the undertaking, and to enter into any agreement respecting the condition or disposition of any gift or bonus in aid of the railway, which agreement shall be binding upon the Company, and generally to do all such other acts as such board, under the Quebec Railway Act, 1869, may lawfully do. Provincial directors.  
Their quorum.  
Their powers.

The said Directors are hereby empowered to take all necessary steps for opening stock books for the subscription books.

tions of parties desirous of becoming shareholders in the said Company, and all parties subscribing to the capital stock of the said Company, shall be considered proprietors and partners in the same.

General  
meeting.  
Appointment  
of directors.

**6.** When and so soon as one-tenth part of the capital stock, (which capital stock shall not be less than four hundred thousand dollars,) shall have been subscribed as aforesaid, either in municipal debentures, granted by way of bonus or otherwise, or in ordinary subscriptions by individuals to the capital stock, or partly in such municipal debentures, and partly in such subscriptions and one-tenth of the amount so subscribed paid in, the said Directors, or a quorum of them, may call a meeting of shareholders, at such time and place as they think proper, giving at least two weeks' notice in one or more papers, in English and French, published in the district of Ottawa, at which said general meeting, and at the annual general meetings in the following sections mentioned, the shareholders present, either in person or by proxy, shall elect not less than five, nor more than nine directors, in the manner and qualified as hereinafter provided, which said directors shall constitute a board of directors, and shall hold office until the first Wednesday in February, in the year following their election.

Board of  
directors.

Subsequent  
election of  
directors.

**7.** On the said first Wednesday in February, and on the first Wednesday in February in each year thereafter, at the principal office of the said Company, there shall be held a general meeting of the shareholders of the Company, at which meeting the said shareholders shall elect a like number of not less than five, nor more than nine directors, for the then ensuing year, in the manner and qualified as hereafter provided; and public notice of such annual meeting and election shall be published, for one month before the day of election, in one or more newspapers in French and English, if such there be, in the district, as above provided, of Ottawa, and the election of Directors shall be by ballot, and the persons so elected shall form the Board of directors.

Notice.

Quorum of  
directors.

**8.** A majority of the Directors shall form a quorum for the transaction of business, and the said Board of directors, as well as the provisional Board of Directors, may employ one or more of their members as paid Director or Directors; provided, however, that no person shall be elected unless he shall be the owner and holder of at least ten shares of the stock of the said Company, and shall not be in arrear.

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**9.** Any municipal council of a municipality, which has given a bonus in aid of the said railway or its branches, amounting to not less than ten thousand dollars, shall be entitled, during the construction of the railroad, but not afterwards, to appoint a person annually to be a Director of the Company ; and such person shall be a Director of the Company, in addition to all the other Directors authorized by this act, or by the Quebec Railway Act, 1869, or any other act ; but such municipality shall incur no liability by the appointment of such Director.

Power of municipalities to appoint directors in certain cases.

**10.** Any municipal council of any municipality, holding stock in the said railway, to an amount of not less than ten thousand dollars, shall be entitled to appoint one person annually to be a Director of the Company ; and any municipal council of any municipality, holding not less than one hundred thousand dollars stock in the said railway, shall be entitled to appoint annually, two persons to be Directors of the said Company, and such person or persons shall be a Director or Directors of the said Company, in addition to all the other Directors authorized by this act.

Subsequent appointment of directors by municipalities.

**11.** The Directors may, at any time, call upon the shareholders for instalments upon each share which they or any of them, may hold in the capital stock of the said Company, in such proportions as they may see fit, no such instalment exceeding ten per cent, and the Directors shall give one month's notice of such call, in such manner as they may appoint.

Payment of calls.

**12.** The Company may, with the consent of the owners, acquire and hold land from which to obtain supplies of gravel, stone and filling required by the Company for their works, and may sell and convey the same or any part thereof, when no longer required.

Power of corp. to acquire lands ;

**13.** The Company shall have power to sell, mortgage or lease any lands belonging to it, not necessary for the purposes of the said railroad, or received by it as a gift in aid.

To sell and mortgage the same ;

**14.** The said Company shall have power and authority to become party to promissory notes and bills of exchange, for sums not less than one hundred dollars, and any such promissory note, made or endorsed by the President or Vice-President of the Company, and countersigned by the Secretary and Treasurer of the Company, and under the authority of a majority of a quorum of

Of becoming party to promissory notes.

Officers, not  
individually  
liable

Proviso.

the Directors, shall be binding on the said Company ; and every such promissory note or bill of exchange so made, 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 said President or Vice-President, or the Secretary and treasurer, be individually responsible for the same, unless the said promissory note or bill of exchange, have been issued without the sanction, and authority of the board of Directors, as herein provided and enacted ; provided, however, that nothing in this section, shall be construed to authorize the said Company to issue notes or bills of exchange payable to bearer, or intended to be circulated as money, or as the notes or bills of a bank.

Issue of  
debentures.

Payment of  
purchase  
money for  
land.

Amounts  
received, kept  
separately.

Investment  
of the same.

Amount of  
debentures.

**15.** The Directors of the said Company are hereby authorized and empowered to issue bonds or debentures, which shall be and form a first charge on the undertaking, lands, buildings, tolls and income of the Company or any, either or all of them, as may be expressed by the said bonds or debentures, without the necessity for any enregistration thereof, and such bonds or debentures shall be in such form, and for such amount, and payable at such time and places, as the Directors, from time to time, may appoint and direct ; and the payment to the Treasurer of the Company, or to any other person appointed for the purpose, by any *bona fide* purchaser of any of the lands in the fourth and fourteenth sections of this act mentioned, of the purchase money thereof, and the acquittance of such Treasurer, or other person so appointed, of such purchase money, shall operate as a discharge of such charge in respect of the lands so paid for ; and, until other provisions be made therefor, the Treasurer of such Company, or other person so authorized, shall keep all moneys so received, separate and apart from the ordinary funds of the Company, and the money so received shall be invested, from time to time, in government securities, or in the stock of some solvent and well established chartered bank in Canada, for the formation of a fund for the payment of the interest on such debentures as it becomes due, and for their redemption at maturity. The said bonds or debentures shall be signed by the President or Vice-President, and shall have the corporate seal of the Company affixed thereto ; provided that the amount of such bonds or debentures, shall not exceed fifteen thousand dollars per mile, to be issued in proportion to the length of the railway under contract, or to be constructed under and by virtue of this charter, but no such debentures shall be for a less sum than one hundred dollars.

**16.** The Directors of the said Company elected by the shareholders, in accordance with the provisions of this act, shall have power and authority to enter into and conclude any arrangements with any other chartered railway company, for the purpose of making any branch or branches to facilitate a connection between this company and any other chartered railway company.

Building of  
branches.

**17.** The Company may enter into an agreement with any other chartered railway company, for leasing to such company, the said railway, or any part or branch thereof, or the use thereof, at any time or times, and for any period, or for leasing or hiring as lessors or lessees, any locomotives, tenders, cars or other rolling stock or moveable property, under such sanction as hereinafter mentioned, and generally, to make any agreement or agreements with any such other company, touching the use by one or other, or by both companies, of the railway or rolling stock, or moveable property of either or both, or any part thereof, or touching any service to be rendered by the one company to the other, and the compensation therefor, and such leases, agreements and arrangements, shall be valid and binding and shall be enforced by all courts of law, according to the tenor and effect thereof, or such other railway company may agree to loan its credit to, or may subscribe to and become the owner of the whole or a part of the stock of the railway company hereby incorporated, in like manner and with the like rights as individuals; provided the said leases, agreements and arrangements have been first respectively sanctioned by the majority of votes, at special general meetings of the shareholders, called for the purpose of considering the same respectively, on due notice given as of annual general meetings for the election of Directors.

Leasing of  
the railway.

Validity of  
contracts of  
lease.

Proviso.

**18.** The said Board of Directors shall elect and appoint a President and a Vice-President or Vice-Presidents, and the necessary officers, and fill up vacancies from time to time, but the said President and Vice-Presidents shall be elected annually, immediately after the election of Directors, except that in filling up a vacancy, the election may be made at any time.

Officers of  
Board of  
directors.

**19.** The said Board of Directors are hereby authorized to take all necessary steps for procuring subscriptions for stock, until the whole has been taken up, and to make, execute and deliver scrip and share certificates therefor, as they shall deem expedient.

Subscriptions  
for stock.

Transfers of  
property.

**20.** Any deed of conveyance of land to the said Company, shall be in the form of Schedule A, to this act annexed, and may be enregistered at full length, upon the affidavit of one of the witnesses to the execution thereof, made before one of the officers usually authorized to receive the same; and a deed in such form or in words of like import, shall be a legal and valid conveyance of the land and immoveables therein mentioned, to all intents and purposes, and the registration thereof shall be of the same effect as if such deed were executed before a notary.

Form.

Power to use  
wooden rails.

**21.** The Directors of the said Company may, if they see fit, use wooden rails on any portion of the said railway not exceeding one-half of its whole length, for any term not exceeding five years, when the said wooden rails shall be replaced by iron rails.

Powers,  
limited.

**22.** The powers given by this act shall be exercised by the commencement of the said railway within five years after the passing of this act, and its completion within ten years therefrom.

Title of act.

**23.** This act shall be cited as the: "Ottawa and Gatineau Valley Railway Act."

## SCHEDULE A.

Know all men by these presents that I, A. B., in consideration of \_\_\_\_\_, paid to me by the Ottawa and Gatineau Valley Railway Company, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said Ottawa and Gatineau Valley Railway Company, their successors and assigns, all that tract or parcel of land *(describe the land)*, to have and to hold the said land and premises unto the said company, their successors and assigns for ever.

Witness my hand and seal, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
one thousand eight hundred and \_\_\_\_\_.

Signed, sealed and delivered,  
in presence of  
C. D.  
E F.

A. B.

(L. S.)