

## C A P. I I I.

An act to amend the law respecting subsidies in money made to certain railways, and for other purposes.

[Assented to 28th December, 1876.]

**H**ER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows :

Advances which may be made to certain railway companies.

**1.** The Lieutenant-Governor in Council, as soon as the following railway companies :

The Levis and Kennebec Railway Company ;

The Quebec Central Railway Company ;

And the St. Francis and Megantic International Railway Company,

Conditions.

Shall have put the completed portions of their roads in good working order, to his satisfaction, may advance to them on account of their subsidy, 1o. a sum of \$1,000 for each mile thus completed, in addition to the sum of \$4,000 which they have received, or may now have a right to receive, and 2o. out of the whole balance of the subsidy granted to them for any other portion of their road which they may hereafter complete,—another sum of such an amount, and in such a manner, that this advance being made, there shall remain to be paid not less than \$2,000 per mile upon the portion of the road to be hereafter completed, and that in any case, no more than \$6,000 per mile shall be advanced.

Proviso.

The employment of the advance of \$1,000 may be regulated by Lieutenant-Governor.

**2.** The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may require that the sum of \$1,000 per mile, advanced to the companies mentioned in the preceding section, on the completed portions of their lines, be used to perfect such portions of line, and to pay whatever they may owe for the right of way, labor and rolling stock.

Add. subsidy granted to cert. Railway Co's

M. P. and B. Railway.

Conditions.

**3.** The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may increase to \$4,000 per mile, the subsidy already granted to the following railway companies :

**1.** The Montreal, Portland and Boston Railway, upon a length not exceeding fifty-six miles, from the river St. Lawrence, at the town of Longueuil, to the frontier line of the province, *viâ* Chambly, West Farnham and Freightsburg, provided that the company shall come to an agreement with the government, that freight and passengers may pass over their line at rates proportionate to those of the Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa and Occidental Railway ;

**2.** The Waterloo and Magog Railway, upon a length not exceeding forty-three miles ;

W. and Magog R.

3. The Laurentian Railway upon a length not exceeding fifteen miles. Laurentian R. R.

4. If any railway company now subsidized gives up its charter, or if the charter of any such company lapse between the present time and the 31st of December 1877, it shall be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor in council to apportion the amount of the subsidy to which such railway company was entitled, over the uncompleted parts of the roads of the four companies following, that is to say :

The Levis and Kennebec, forty-five miles,

The Quebec Central, fifty-two miles,

The St. Francis and Megantic International, fifty-three miles,

The South Eastern, forty miles from Acton to Sutton junction ;

Provided that the amount of the subsidy so apportioned does not exceed \$1,500 per mile, for the total length to be completed as aforesaid, and that the subsidy so apportioned added to that already acquired by each of such companies, does not in any case exceed a sum of more than \$6,000 for each mile of road so to be completed Proviso.

5. The Quebec and Lake St. John Railway Company shall not be obliged upon the first section of its road, to repay the sum of \$48,171.20, received by it for the construction of a wooden railroad, but such repayment shall be made only upon the second section of such road, and the said company shall furnish security that it will repay such sum at the end of four years from the first day of January 1877, if in the interval it has not made the said second section of its road. Repayment of amount due by the Quebec and Lake St. John R. R. Security.

6. The Missisquoi and Black River Valleys Railway company shall continue to have a right to the subsidy at present granted to it, until the first of December 1877, provided that at the said date, the said company shall have made and completed at least ten miles of continuous and uninterrupted road with iron or steel rails. Delay, in favor of Missisquoi and Black River R. R.

7. The first section of the act of this province, 39 Viot. ch. 3, is amended : 39 V. ch. 3, Sec. 1, amended.

1. By striking out the words : " at the rate of five per centum per annum " and substituting therefor the following words : " at a rate not exceeding six per centum per annum ;"

2. By adding to such section the following words : " and the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may fix the place where such interest shall be paid."

39 V., ch. 3, s. 2, replaced. **8.** Section 2 of the same act is repealed, and the following substituted therefor :

Return and conversion of subsidy. **“ 2.** Any payment heretofore made, or which may hereafter be made by this province on any subsidy accorded to any railway company by any act of this Legislature, still in force, may be returned to the provincial treasurer, and thereafter converted into a like guarantee for the part or portion of such subsidy returned, and from such date or dates as the directors of the company returning such subsidy may request.”

Manner of paying subsidy. **9.** The subsidy granted by the present act shall be payable in the same manner as that granted by “the Railway subsidy act of 1875.”

Guarantee of sub-contracts of D. McDonald, by commissioners. **10.** The commissioners of the Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa and Occidental Railway may guarantee the payment of the amounts of the sub-contracts made by Duncan McDonald; the contractor for the western portion of the said road, provided that such contracts are approved of by them.

Sums to be taken to complete Q. M. O. & O. R. R. **11.** The said commissioners are authorized to take from the sum intended to meet the contingent expenses of the road, the sum necessary to complete the said railway.

Act in force. **12.** The present act shall come into force on the day of the sanction thereof.

#### CAP. IV.

An act respecting the building of the court-house of Quebec.

[Assented to 28th December, 1876.]

**H**ER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows :

\$75,000 for building Court-House.

**1.** The lieutenant-governor in council is authorized to take out of the consolidated fund of the province, a sum of seventy-five thousand dollars to be employed in the reconstruction of the court-house in the city of Quebec.

Imposing add. tax, in the Quebec courts.

**2.** To reimburse to the provincial treasury the sum expended in the reconstruction of the new court-house, it shall be lawful for the lieutenant-governor in council to impose, with power to modify the same from time to time, such additional tax as he shall deem advisable, on