

railway aid act of 1874," shall continue to have the right to that subsidy till the first of February, 1876; provided that, at this date, not less than ten miles of road continuous and non-interrupted, with iron or steel rails, shall have been made and completed by those companies. The payment of such subsidy may be made for each ten miles or more of road thus finished and completed.

5. The railway companies which have the right under "The Quebec railway aid act of 1874," to a subsidy, only after having made and completed twenty-five miles of road, continuous and non-interrupted, shall have the right to such subsidy for each ten or more miles of road thus made and completed, among which is included the Montreal and Laurentian Colonization Railway not exceeding 15 miles. How the subsidy of 1874 shall be paid. New road.

6. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, any company which is entitled to a subsidy under the present act, or of "The Quebec railway aid act of 1874," shall have the right to receive, on account of the subsidy thus granted, a sum of seventy-five dollars per mile, to assist such company to locate its road, but only after that the surveys, plans and profiles of such road shall have been deposited in the department of agriculture and public works. \$75 per mile on account.

7. Whereas it is of the greatest importance for this province to secure the junction of the Pacific railway with the railways of the north shores of the St. Lawrence and Ottawa rivers, the lieutenant-governor in council may grant a sum of thirty thousand dollars, to assist in the construction of the bridge which shall unite, in the county of Pontiac, the railways of the north shores of the St. Lawrence and Ottawa rivers, to the Pacific railway. Subsidy of \$30,000 to the junction bridge in Pontiac.

8. The present act shall be known, and may be cited under the name of "The Railway subsidy act of 1875." Title.

9. This act shall enter into force on the day of its sanction. Coming into force.

C A P. I I I.

An Act to encourage Canadians in the United States, European Immigrants and inhabitants of the Province, to establish themselves upon the Wild Lands of the Crown.

[Assented to 23rd February, 1875.]

WHEREAS Canadians emigrated to the United States, Preamble.
manifest a desire in large numbers, to return and

establish themselves upon the public lands of this province, and that to encourage their return it is expedient to offer them special advantages; and whereas such advantages would be likely to attract to the province a greater proportion of agricultural immigrants desirous of becoming settlers; and whereas it is also just to extend the same advantages to the inhabitants of this Province, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows:

Colonization fund.

1. From and out of the revenues of this province, a sum of sixty thousand dollars is appropriated for the purposes hereinafter mentioned, to be called the "Colonization Fund."

Preparation of lots for settlers.

2. The lieutenant-governor in council may authorize the commissioner of agriculture and public works to cause a certain number of lots of one hundred acres each, to be prepared in townships to be designated by the lieutenant-governor in council, to be offered to Canadians from the United States, to European immigrants and to inhabitants of the province desirous of settling, and who appear to him to be in a position to succeed as settlers.

Clearing of four acres.

3. The preparation of such lots shall consist in the clearing of four acres in readiness for sowing, and in the construction of a dwelling house of not less than sixteen feet by twenty, and such works shall be, as far as possible, performed by the settlers for whom such lots are intended.

The cost of such work, including the price of the land, shall in no case exceed the sum of two hundred dollars for each lot; and by order of the lieutenant-governor in council, the commissioner of agriculture and public works shall authorize the payment of such works, from and out of the "Colonization Fund," hereby established.

Price of the lots.

4. The price of each of such lots shall be payable in the usual manner, that is to say, one-fifth on taking the location ticket, and the balance in four consecutive annual payments, with interest from the day of the date of the location ticket.

Reimbursement of the cost of improvements.

The cost of the improvements shall be payable in five other consecutive yearly payments, which shall become exigible successively, after the complete falling due of the price of the land, without interest, until maturity of each payment.

Accounts in duplicate.

5. A regular account shall be kept, in the department of agriculture and public works, of the expenses of the improvement of each lot, a duplicate whereof shall be furnished to

the department of crown lands, which shall by its agents collect the same, as the instalments fall due, and shall render account thereof to the treasury department.

6. The settler who may wish to establish himself in one of the townships where the above mentioned advantages are offered, will have the option of doing himself on his lot the four acres of clearance, and of building himself a house of not less than sixteen feet by twenty.

Advance to the settler who shall make the clearing.

In such case the settler shall receive as an advance, the price of these improvements when they shall have executed to the satisfaction of the commissioner of agriculture and public works, at the price fixed by him; this advance shall be paid in five yearly instalments, which will become exigible successively after the price of the land shall have completely fallen due.

7. To be entitled to any lot so prepared, or to receive the advance by clearing himself his lot, the settler must be at least eighteen years of age, possess the qualifications required to succeed as a settler, and not be proprietor of any landed property in the province.

Qualifications required of the settlers.

8. Letters-patent for the lots so prepared shall not be granted until the price of the land and the cost of improvements, or the amount advanced in lieu thereof, shall have been both fully paid, nor until the settler shall have cleared and is maintaining, in a state of cultivation, at least fifteen acres of his lot.

Letters patent for these lots.

9. In default of payment of any instalment fallen due, either for the price of the land or the costs of improvements, or for advances made, and in default of the settler being *bonâ fide* resident (*tenant feu et lieu*) upon his lot, and of clearing and placing under cultivation at least one acre thereof annually, the location ticket granted unto him, may be cancelled, and the lot conceded to any other person, without the former being entitled to claim anything for his labour, or for instalments already paid, which, except for good cause, shall be confiscated to the profit of the province.

Default of payment.

10. From and out of the "Colonization Fund," the commissioner of agriculture and public works may cause to be constructed and maintained in each colony formed under this act, a house for the reception of the families of settlers upon their first arrival, and generally to meet expected and unexpected expenses connected with the organization of each colony.

House and expenses expected and unexpected.