

It may be paid either in money or in capitalized debentures.

2. Such payment may be made either in money or by means of capitalized government debentures, and the provisions of sub-sections four, five, six, seven and eight, of section five of the said act, shall apply to the said debentures in the same manner as to the converted debentures mentioned in the said sub-sections, and shall subject the company and the railway, and all the properties and appurtenances thereof to the same obligations, conditions and lien, as they would have been subject to in the case of the payment of the annual subsidy or of debentures having been issued in virtue of the said act.

CAP. XXIII.

An Act to provide for the granting of certain lands in aid of the St. Francis and Megantic International Railway Company, and of the Quebec and Gosford Railway Company.

[Assented to 23rd December, 1871.]

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

1,935,000 acres of land set apart for the purposes of this act.

1. From and out of the public lands of this province, certain lands forming a superficies of one million nine hundred and thirty-five thousand acres, more or less, are hereby set apart for the purposes of this act, that is to say: all the lands described in the schedule of this act, under the designations of blocks E and F, and comprised within the blocks or extents of territory delineated in red, and marked E and F, upon a certain lithographed copy of a map of the province of Quebec, drawn at the crown lands department of this province by Eugène Taché, assistant commissioner of Crown Lands, and dated Quebec, eighteen hundred and seventy, which lithographed copy is filed in the office of the clerk of the legislative council of this province, to remain of record for all the purposes of this act, and copies of which, in full or on a reduced scale, certified by the said clerk shall be deemed authentic for all legal purposes.

10,000 acres per mile may be granted on certain conditions to the St. Francis and Megantic International R. Co.

2. The lieutenant-governor in council may, subject to the provisions of the two next following sections, grant to the St. Francis and Megantic International railway company, for the construction of that portion of its railway, within this province, between the place where the said railway leaves the line of the Grand Trunk railway and the province line, ten thousand acres of land for each mile of such

portion of railway; the said land to be chosen within the limits of the said block E.

3. The company shall be entitled to the said grant upon the following conditions only : Conditions of said grant.

The said portion of railway shall have been completed to the province line, and put into operation, to the entire satisfaction of the lieutenant-governor in council, on or before the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven ;

The lieutenant-governor in council, if he thinks proper, may, nevertheless, when it is established that the said company is actively engaged in the construction of its works, grant to it, for each twenty-five miles of the said portion of the road completed, a portion of the said lands, proportionate in quantity to such length of road.

4. No grant shall, however, be made under this act, to the said company, unless on or before the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three, it shall have signified to the secretary of the province, its acceptance of such grant in lieu of any subsidy to which it might be entitled under the colonization railway aid act of 1869, and section thirteen of the act thirty-fourth Victoria, chapter twenty-one. No grant unless it is accepted before 1st. January, 1873, in lieu of subsidy under sec. 13 of 34 V. c. 21.

5. The lieutenant-governor in council may, subject to the provisions of the next following section, grant to the Quebec and Gosford railway company, for the building of the extension of their railway, from its present terminus at Gosford, to the mouth of the river Metabetchouan, on Lake St. John, ten thousand acres of land for every mile of such extension, which land the said company is hereby authorized to receive, notwithstanding and without prejudice to section five of the act of this province, thirty-fourth Victoria, chapter twenty-four, or any other provision of law; and the said land shall be chosen by the lieutenant-governor in council, on the report of the commissioner of Crown Lands, from within the said block F. 10,500 acres per mile may be granted for extension of Quebec and Gosford railway. Sec. 5 of 34 V. c. 24.

6. The said Quebec and Gosford railway company shall be entitled to the said grant on the following conditions only : Conditions of said grant.

The said extension of railway shall have been completed from the said terminus at Gosford to the mouth of the river Metabetchouan, on Lake St. John aforesaid, and have been put into operation, to the entire satisfaction of the lieutenant-governor in council, on or before the thirty-first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six ;

Nevertheless, the lieutenant-governor in council may, if

he thinks proper, when it is established that the said company is actively engaged in the construction of its works, grant to it, for each twenty-five miles of the said extension of railway, a portion of the said lands proportionate in quantity to such length of road.

Provision in case of the company changing its name under 34 V. c. 24.

7. In the event of the name of the said Quebec and Gosford railway company being at any time hereafter changed, in virtue of the provisions of the act thirty-fourth Victoria, chapter twenty-four, the provisions of this act may be carried out in respect of the said company under its new name, in the same manner as might have been done under its present name.

Each company must have begun to build before 1st May, 1874.

8. In case either of the above named companies shall not have *bonâ fide* commenced to build its portion of railway as above mentioned, within two years from the first day of May next, it shall forfeit all claims to land under this act.

Plan of each railway to be furnished. No grant for any excessive length.

9. A copy of the plan of each of the said railways shall be furnished to the provincial secretary, and if the lieutenant-governor in council should be of opinion that the line of railway adopted by the company is longer than it should be, he shall withhold a portion of the grant, authorized by this act, proportionate to the number of miles which he shall deem to be in excess of the proper length.

SCHEDULE.

BLOCK E.

The territory lying on the S. W. bank of the River St. Maurice, and being situate partly in the counties of Portneuf and Champlain, and bounded and circumscribed as follows: beginning at the mouth of Trout River, one of the westerly tributaries of the River St. Maurice aforesaid, at the 127th mile-post planted by P. L. S. Bignell, in 1847, at the point marked *e*, on the accompanying plan, by a line running astronomically south 45° west, a distance of 28 miles to the point *f*, thence on the astronomical bearing, north 45° west, 46 miles to *g*; from this point, at right angles, to this last mentioned line, and on the course north 45° east astronomically, 19 miles more or less, to its intersection with the west shore of Lake Travers, one of the head waters of the River St. Maurice, at the point marked *h*, being due west from the 190th mile-post, planted by the

said P. L. S. Bignell, on the east side of said Lake Travers; then following the west bank of Lakes Travers and Shamgois, and in continuation in a south-easterly direction, the west shore of the said St. Maurice River, to the place of beginning as at *e*.

The said block E, containing a superficies of 752,900 acres more or less.

BLOCK F.

The territory forming part of the unoccupied lands of the Crown, situate in the counties of Quebec, Montmorency, and Chicoutimi, and bounded as follows, that is to say :

Beginning on the line of exploratory survey from Stoneham to lake St. John, established in 1847, by the surveyor, F. W. Blaiklock, at the post planted by him to mark the twenty-ninth mile from the south-western angle of the said township of Stoneham, at the place indicated by the letter G, on the above mentioned plan, thence following the said line on the astronomical bearing north 15° west for a distance of twelve miles, to the post which marks the forty-first mile of the said survey ;

From such point marked H, on the above mentioned plan, by a line running north 70° east, a distance of eighteen miles to I, the said point being situated one mile from the colonization road from Quebec to lake St. John ; thence on a line parallel to the various sinuosities of the said road, always at the same distance of one mile, in a general northerly direction, 18° west to the forty-eighth degree of north latitude, which forms the boundary between the counties of Quebec and Montmorency, and the county of Chicoutimi, to the point J, a distance of twenty-seven miles, and thence on a line parallel to that of the road hereinbefore mentioned, in a general northerly course, 36° west, about nine miles to the point K ;

Thence following a line running north $73^{\circ} 50'$ west, a distance of forty-five miles, till it meets the main branch of the river Croche, in L ;

Thence descending the course of the said river, towards the south-west, about fourteen miles to M ;

The said Block F being in the said locality, bounded on the north-east side by the last timber limits conceded on the eastern bank of the river Croche, running south 75° east, a distance of ten miles, and in prolongation thereof a mile and a half, to its intersection with the line of exploration drawn in 1854, by the surveyor, F. W. Blaiklock, from Latuque to lake St. John, to the point designated by the letter N, on the said plan ;

Thence on the said line of exploration south 22° west, astronomically, a distance of four miles and a-half to O, on the forty-eighth degree of north latitude aforesaid, and following such parallel towards the east, a distance of fifteen miles to P, to the point where it intersects the river Waquagamakasis;

Ascending the said river, which discharges into the lake des Commissaires, and following its eastern bank, and the corresponding shore of lake Najaoualank, (one of the sources of the Grand River Bostonnais) and in continuation, that of the river Pequouaquasoui, to the letter D, which marks the north-west angle of block B, granted to the North Shore and the Montreal Northern Colonization Railway Companies, a distance of about twenty-four miles; thence due east, following the northern boundary of the said block B, for a length of two miles to E; thence pursuing, for twenty-three miles, the eastern and south-eastern line of the said block B, to the point Q, which line should follow for about six miles the general course of the river Métabetchouan, and the line established by the surveyor, Eugène Casgrain, defining the position of the projected railway from Quebec to lake St. John;

Lastly, from the said last mentioned point, on a course east astronomically, six miles to R, at the intersection of the said line of exploration hereinbefore mentioned, and in continuation in the same direction, ten miles to G to the point of departure hereinbefore firstly mentioned.

The said block F, containing one million, one hundred and eighty-three thousand acres in superficies.

C A P . X X I V .

An Act to amend the Charter of the Quebec and Gosford Railway Company.

[Assented to 23rd December, 1871.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS Henri Gustave Joly, Eugène Chinic, and Pierre Garneau, esquires, all of the city of Quebec, have, by their petition, prayed that an act may be passed, authorizing and empowering the Quebec and Gosford Railway Company, to make agreements for leasing the line of railway belonging to the said company, and confirming the lease thereof made by the said company, and authorizing and empowering the said company to have a depot, a workshop, a yard and wharves at or near the Palais harbor, and to prolong their line of railway to the said depot; and whereas it is expedient, not only in the in-