

CAP. XXIV.

An Act to authorize the Quebec and Gosford Railway Company to prolong their railway to Lake Saint John.

[Assented to 24th December, 1870.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS, Henri Gustave Joly, Henry Fry, Edmund C. Fry, Donald Cameron Thomson, Michael William Baby, Weston Hunt, John Lemesurier, Eugène Chinic, Jean-Baptiste Renaud, Eloi Beaudet, John Sherring Budden, Théophile Ledroit, James H. Oakes, John James Rickon, Jerome B. Hulbert, and Charles Edward Montizambert, all of the city of Quebec, Esquires, and others, have, by their petition represented that a railroad has just been built and opened by the Quebec and Gosford Railway Company, from the city of Quebec to the township of Gosford, and that the prolongation of that road to Lake Saint John would be a matter of very great public benefit, and have prayed that a bill may be passed, allowing the Quebec and Gosford Railway Company to extend their line of railroad to some point on Lake Saint John, following the easiest and most practicable road, with all the rights and privileges, and subject to all the conditions granted and imposed by the Quebec Railway Act, 1869, and the act incorporating the said company, except in so far as provided by the bill prayed for by the said petitioners,—allowing the said company until the end of the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six to complete the said road, with the privilege of building the line in three or more sections, and running the sections as they become completed, and authorizing the said company to increase its capital stock for the purpose of that extension, and to assume the name of the Quebec and Lake Saint John Railway Company; and further, amending the act incorporating the said company, by allowing the said company to bring its railroad and run its locomotives within the limits of the city of Quebec; and whereas, it is desirable that the prayer of the said petition should be granted; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows:

Name of Company to be changed.

1. The name of the body corporate and politic constituted by the act passed in the thirty-second year of Her Majesty's reign, chapter fifty-three, hereinafter called the company, shall be "The Quebec and Lake Saint John Railway Company," from and after the day on which this act shall come into force and effect, as hereinafter provided.

Company may prolong their Railway to Lake St. John.

2. The company and their agents and servants, and other persons in their employ, may lay out, construct and work a double or single track, wooden or iron tramway or

railway, of such width or gauge as the company see fit, from the present terminus of their railway in the township of Gosford, by such route as they see fit, to such point on the shore of Lake Saint John as they see fit; and the company may construct the said tramway or railway in three or more sections, in such order as they see fit, and may work any one or more of such sections as soon as completed, subject always to the provisions of the twenty-fifth and four following sections of the Quebec Railway Act, 1869.

3. The capital stock of the company is hereby increased from the original sum of one hundred and twenty thousand dollars to the sum of nine hundred and fifty thousand dollars, divided into ninety-five thousand shares of ten dollars each, which amount shall be raised by the persons named in the said act, and such other persons and such corporations and municipalities as have or may become holders of shares in the company, by subscribing to the stock thereof; and the money so raised after this act shall come into force and effect 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 said extension of the said railway, and all the rest and residue of such money shall be applied towards making, completing, maintaining and working the whole of the railway from Quebec to Lake Saint John, and other the purposes of the said act thirty-second Victoria, chapter fifty-three, and of this act.

Capital stock
may be raised
to \$950,000.

4. The whole of the said railway from Quebec to Lake Saint John shall be completed on or before the thirty-first day of December, which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, in default of which this act shall become null and void to all intents and purposes whatsoever from that day forth.

Railway to
Lake Saint
John to be
completed by
31st Dec., 1876.

5. The company may, from time to time, purchase, have, hold, take, receive, use and enjoy any immovable property not exceeding in the whole ten thousand acres, along the line of so much of their said railway as shall extend from the township of Gosford to Lake Saint John, or in the vicinity thereof, but separated therefrom, and if separated therefrom, then with the necessary right of way thereto, which it may please Her Majesty or any person or corporation to give, grant, sell or convey unto and to the use of the said company; and the said company may cut wood, and dig earth, gravel and stones on any such land, either for their own use in the construction and keeping in order and working of so much of their railway or for sale, and may establish stations, sidings, branches, workshops, woodyards and gravel pits on any such lands, and may sell fire-wood or timber cut on such lands, and may from time to time sell and dispose of any of such lands not

Power to pur-
chase lands,
&c., &c.

required or necessary to be retained for gravel pits, sidings, branches, woodyards, station grounds or workshops, or for other purposes of the said company, and may acquire other in their stead.

Section 12 of
32 Viet c. 53,
amended.

6. The exception relating to locomotives in section twelve of the act of incorporation of the company is hereby repealed so far as respects that portion of the track of the Quebec Street Railway Company which extends from the western boundary of the city to opposite the Palais Harbour ; and if so agreed between the companies locomotives may run on so much of the track of the Quebec Street Railway Company, the consent to that effect of the corporation of the city of Quebec, acting by and through the city council of Quebec, who are hereby authorized and empowered to give such consent, being first had and obtained.

Act of 32 Viet.
c. 53, to apply
to extension of
Railway.

7. Subject to all the foregoing provisions of this act all those of the said act thirty-second Victoria, chapter fifty-three, incorporating the said company, with all the powers, duties and obligations thereby conferred and imposed, shall apply to the railway hereby authorized to be laid out, constructed and worked by the said company, and to all rivers in the course thereof, and to all wild lands of the Crown lying along the route thereof, and to the said company and to the Provincial Government, and to all persons and corporations, in relation to the said railway, rivers and wild lands of the Crown, and to the capital stock hereby authorized to be raised and the shares thereof, and to the shareholders and all others in relation thereto, as fully and effectually to all intents and purposes as the same apply to the railway by the said act authorized to be laid out, constructed and worked, and to all rivers in the course thereof, and to all wild lands of the Crown lying along the route thereof, and to all such parties as aforesaid in relation thereto, and to the capital stock thereby authorized to be raised and the shares thereof, and to the shareholders and all others in relation thereto, in the same manner and to the same extent as if the whole railway from Quebec to Lake Saint John, instead of only a portion thereof, were thereby authorized to be laid out, constructed and worked, the said act and this act being to be read and construed as one act, and as one special act, within the true intent and meaning of the Quebec Railway Act, 1869.

Commencement of Act.

8. This act shall come into force and effect only upon, from and after the day upon which it is accepted by a vote of the shareholders of the company representing at least two-thirds of the shares, present in person or by proxy at a meeting of the shareholders to be held at the city of Quebec, after the notice required for calling any special general meeting of the company, the object of the meeting having been specially set forth in such notice.