

Laws of Her Majesty's Province of United Canada, passed in the year 1851. Quebec: Stewart Derbyshire and George Desbarts, 1852.

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An Act to amend an Act passed in the eighth year of the Reign of Her Majesty, to incorporate *The Saint Lawrence and Atlantic Rail-road Company*, and to extend the powers of the said Company. 10th November, 1852.

Whereas by an Act of the Legislature of this Province passed in the eighth year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act to incorporate the St. Lawrence and Atlantic Rail-road Company*, the said Company was empowered to construct a Rail-road from the River St. Lawrence, opposite to the City of Montreal, in the general direction of St. Hyacinthe and Sherbrooke, to the boundary line between this Province and the United States of America, at such point or place of the said boundary line near the Connecticut River, as that the said Rail-road might best connect with the Atlantic and St. Lawrence Rail-road, to be constructed from Portland, in the State of Maine, to the said boundary line, there to connect with the St. Lawrence and Atlantic Rail-road; and whereas it hath been found that, from the nature of the country in the neighbourhood of the boundary line of the Province, and other existing circumstances, such best connection of the said St. Lawrence and Atlantic Rail-road with the said Atlantic and St. Lawrence Rail-road must be had at a point beyond the said boundary line and within the County of Essex, or the County of Orleans, in the State of Vermont, one of the United States of America: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and intituled, *An Act to re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the Government of Canada*, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the said St. Lawrence and Atlantic Rail-road Company shall have power and authority to enter into all such contracts and agreements with the said Atlantic and St. Lawrence Rail-road Company, and all other bodies corporate and persons as may be found necessary, in the adoption of the said best point of connection of the said St. Lawrence and Atlantic Rail-road with the said Atlantic and St. Lawrence Rail-road, and to secure the speedy construction and completion of the portion of the said St. Lawrence and Atlantic Rail-road, and the works connected therewith, to be constructed between the intersection by the said Rail-road of the Boundary line of the Province and the said best point of connection: And that in accordance with the prayer of the said St. Lawrence and Atlantic Rail-road Company, the said Company shall be and are hereby authorized and empowered to make such best connection at the said point within the said County of Essex or County of Orleans, mid to construct and maintain, or assist in the construction and maintenance of the portion of their Rail-road which shall extend from the said boundary line to such best point of connection; and for such purpose to issue their bonds, notes or other securities, in the same manner as the said Company is now by law authorized to do, provided the amount to be so issued do not exceed the sum of one hundred and twenty-five thousand pounds; and to advance to the said Atlantic and St. Lawrence Rail-road Company, or other bodies corporate or persons, such sum or sums of money, and to become party to, and sign, endorse or guarantee such bonds, notes or

other securities of the said Atlantic and St. Lawrence Rail-road Company as may be required, provided the amount of such liabilities does not as aforesaid exceed the sum of one hundred and twenty-five thousand pounds; and to accept, receive and hold any mortgages or other securities over, and any rights in, the said portion of the Road, or in the Tolls, profits and revenues thereof, either by or through the Officers of the said St. Lawrence and Atlantic Rail-road Company, or by means of Trustees to be by the said Company appointed for that purpose, and to become lessees of the said portion of the Road, under such terms and for such periods as may be agreed upon; and such debts, mortgages, securities, rights, tolls, profits and revenues, and such lease to convey and transfer to any person or body politic or corporate so as to secure the repayment of any sum or sums of money advanced to or upon the credit of the said St. Lawrence and Atlantic Rail-road Company, for the purposes of this Act, and generally to do and perform all matters and things whatsoever necessary or incidental in the promotion of the construction of the said portion of the said Road and in the recovery of any moneys raised, advanced or guaranteed as aforesaid.

II. And be it enacted, That in so far as may be consistent with the laws of the State of Vermont now, or which may hereafter be in force, the said St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad Company are hereby authorized to acquire, hold, own, construct, maintain and use the said portion of the said Railroad, extending from its intersection of the boundary line of the Province to the said best point of connection, with all and every the works, buildings and appurtenances connected therewith, as owners and proprietors thereof, with all and every the powers and authorities vested in the said Company as to the portion of the said Rail-road, extending from the River St. Lawrence to the said-boundary line: Provided always, that this Act shall not authorize or be construed to authorize the said Company, nor shall the said Company have power to lessen or impair the hypothecary or privileged rights and claims of the Provincial Government, or other parties upon the whole or any part of the said Rail-road within this Province, for the payment of any sum or sums guaranteed, loaned or advanced, or which may hereafter be guaranteed, loaned or advanced to the said Company by the Government or other parties under any Act or Statute of this Province now in force, or which may be hereafter in force; but the said rights and all other rights and claims of the Government and all other parties shall be preserved and maintained, notwithstanding any matter or thing to be done under or by virtue of this Act.

III. And be it enacted, That the said Saint Lawrence and Atlantic Rail-road Company shall release the Stockholders of that Company who now reside within the County of Stanstead from the Stock which they have subscribed in such Company, and shall refund to such Stockholders all sums which they have paid for and on account of such Stock, together with legal interest thereon; Provided that such Stockholders who may so desire to be released, shall, within one month from and after the passing of this Act, give notice to the said Company of their intention to claim such release and re-payment.

IV. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be deemed a Public Act.