

*Laws of Her Majesty's Province of United Canada*, passed in the year 1856. Quebec: Stewart Derbyshire and George Desbarts, 1856.

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**An Act to render operative the Carillon and Grenville section of the Montreal and Bytown Railway. Assented to 1st July, 1856.**

Whereas the Montreal and Bytown Railway Company have already constructed a portion of the said Railway consisting of about twelve and a half miles from Carillon to Grenville, which has been ready for use during the last two years; And whereas the Company, in consequence of financial difficulties, have been unable to complete the said road, and have been prevented from working the portion of the same already completed, by the proprietors of the lands through which the said road passes not having been indemnified for the same; And whereas it would be advantageous to that portion of the Country, and to the creditors of the said Company, that the said portion of the road should be put in operation: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

- I. It shall be lawful for the Directors of the said Company to transfer, within one year from the passing of this Act, the said portion of the said Railway from Carillon to Grenville, with the rolling-stock, to the Wardens for the time being, of the Municipalities of the Counties of Ottawa and Argenteuil, in trust, for the purpose of working the said road for the benefit of the creditors of the said Company; and the said Wardens shall have all the rights, privileges and powers of the said Company, for the purposes of purchasing lands and of working and managing that portion of the said Railway.
- II. The transfer of the said section of the Road shall not be accepted by the Wardens of the said Municipalities, without the consent of the Members of the Councils, expressed by a Resolution to be passed at a Special Meeting called for that purpose after fifteen days' notice.
- III. It shall be in the power of the said Wardens, by and with the consent of the Municipal Councils of the said Counties of Ottawa and Argenteuil, to borrow a sum not exceeding six thousand pounds Sterling, for the purpose of paying and indemnifying the proprietors of the lands through which the said portion of the road runs, and also to pay the claims of the workmen who have been employed on the said Road, and to make the necessary repairs to put the same in working order, on the security of the said portion of the road and to be a first mortgage on the same.
- IV. It shall be the duty of the said Wardens to apply the proceeds of the said road, — first, to the payment of the running expenses; secondly, to the payment of the interest on the said sum of six thousand pounds sterling, or any portion thereof which may have been borrowed by the said Wardens for the purposes aforesaid; thirdly, for creating a sinking fund of two per cent per annum on the sum so borrowed, for the purpose of paying the same; — and the balance of said proceeds, if any, shall be by them deposited in some chartered Bank in the City of Montreal, to be applied to

the payment of the claims of the creditors against the said Company, in proportion to their respective claims and according to the priority or preference of such claims.

V. The said Montreal and Bytown Railway Company shall have a right to assume the said Section, on repayment of the said six thousand pounds sterling, or such portion thereof as shall have been borrowed for the purposes aforesaid and all unpaid interest accrued thereon, with other necessary charges, and the powers of which they are hereby divested, shall then be again vested in the said Company, and the functions of the parties in whom they are hereby vested shall cease; and whenever the said six thousand pounds sterling, and all interest thereon, and other charges authorized to be paid under this Act, shall be paid off, then the said Railway and powers shall revert to and be reinvested in the said Company.

VI. Nothing in this Act shall be interpreted to divest any of the creditors of the said Company of any claim or right they might have or exercise before the passing of this Act.

VII. This Act shall be deemed a Public Act.