

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

20 Victoria – Chapter 23

**An Act to extend the line of the Port Dalhousie and Thorold Railway Company. Assented to 16th May, 1856.**

Whereas the Port Dalhousie and Thorold Railway Company have prayed for power to extend their Railway to Port Colborne on Lake Erie, and it is expedient to grant such power on the conditions hereinafter mentioned: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

- I. The said Company shall have full power to lay out, construct, make and finish a double or single Iron Railway or Road, from Thorold to Port Colborne, and to such extension of their said Railway and to all things thereunto relating, all the provisions and enactments of the Act incorporating the said Company shall extend and apply as fully as to the Railway described in the Act incorporating the said Company.
- II. For the purpose of extending their Railway as aforesaid to Port Colborne, the Capital Stock of the said Company may be increased by a sum not exceeding One Hundred Thousand Pounds, Currency, to be divided into shares as provided by the fifth section of their said Act of incorporation; Provided always, that the Company shall not commence the said extension of their Railway or exercise any of the powers hereby given them in respect thereof (except the power of increasing their Capital with a view to making the said extension) until the whole of the said additional Capital of One Hundred Thousand Pounds shall have been *bonâ fide* subscribed for, and five per centum thereon shall have been actually paid up; And provided also, that the said extension to Port Colborne shall be actually commenced within two years from the passing of this Act, and completed within five years from the same time, other-wise the right of the Company to make the same shall cease and determine.
- III. Whenever any lands which are required by the said Company for their Railway or the extension thereof, and which may be taken by them for that purpose under their said Act of Incorporation and the clauses of the Railway Clauses Consolidation Act incorporated therewith, or any estate or interest in such lands, shall belong to a minor or infant having no guardian or other person acting for him, upon whom the notice required in such case can be served or who can convey such lands, estate or interest, to the Company, then upon application by the Company to the County Judge of the County or Union of Counties in which such lands lie, it shall be lawful for such Judge, after having first made such inquiry (if any) as he may think necessary, to appoint some person to be guardian to such minor or infant for the purpose of the said Acts and as regards such lands, estate or interest, and the person so appointed shall be such guardian accordingly, and may convey such lands, estate or interest to the Company or receive the notice aforesaid, and do all things necessary in the premises; and the word "minor," or "infant," in this section shall include minors or infants.

IV. The Town Council of the Town of Saint Catherines may acquire and hold the Stock of the said Company at present held by private Shareholders; and whenever the said Council shall have acquired and shall hold the whole of the said shares now held by private Shareholders, then and thereafter each share of the Stock of the Company held by any Municipality, shall entitle such Municipality to one vote in the election of Directors, and the Head of each such Municipality shall represent such Municipality at all such elections, and shall exercise such right of voting under the instructions of the Council of his Municipality; but the Head of any Municipality holding Stock in the Company shall not, alter such purchase by the Town Council of Saint Catherines of all the Stock held by private Shareholders, be a Director *ex officio*.

V. In addition to the persons already qualified to be Directors of the said Company, any person residing in any Municipality which lies on the line of the said Railway and which holds Stock in the Company who shall be possessed of freehold property in such Municipality of the value of seven hundred and fifty pounds over and above all incumbrances thereon, may be elected a Director of the said Company, without its being necessary that such person should possess any Stock in the said Company.

VI. This Act shall be deemed a Public Act.