

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

20 Victoria – Chapter 73

**An Act to amend the Charter of the Ontario, Simcoe and Huron Railroad Union Company.
Assented to 19th June, 1856.**

Whereas the Ontario, Simcoe and Huron Railroad Union Company, acting under the belief that they had lawful right to purchase, build, own and work steam vessels on Lake Simcoe, to ply in connection with their railway, purchased one steam vessel, and contracted for and built another, on that lake, and in order to induce traffic over their road, between Lakes Ontario, Huron, Michigan and Superior, made arrangements with steamboat proprietors to run their boats in connection with the said railroad; And whereas doubts have arisen whether they have sufficient authority in Law in that behalf, and whether they have power to enforce such contracts, or are liable on the same; And whereas it is desirable that such rights should be fully confirmed to the said Company: 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 be held to have had and shall have power and authority to purchase, build, complete, fit out and charter, sell and dispose of, work and control, and keep in repair the said steam vessels on Lake Simcoe, and one or more other vessels, from time to time, to ply on the said Lake in connection with their railway; and also, to make arrangements and agreements with steamboat proprietors on the other Lakes, by chartering or otherwise, to run vessels in connection with their said line of railway; and, in addition to the powers already vested in the Directors of the said Company, it shall be lawful for them, by By-law approved by the Governor in Council, to fix, establish and regulate from time to time, all tolls, charges and payments to be paid or payable to or for the uses of the said Company, for conveying goods and passengers on the said railway, and vessels running in connection therewith, or in the said vessels alone: Provided always, that nothing in this Act contained, shall be held to affect the legal rights of John Gartshore, of the Town of Dundas, Iron-Founder, for or in respect of any alleged claim or claims against any person or persons now or heretofore connected with the said Railway Company as Shareholders, Directors or otherwise, in their individual capacity.
- II. This Act shall be deemed a Public Act.