

and in consideration thereof, shall not exceed in the whole fifty million acres; but subject to this limitation, it may, in the Provinces of Manitoba and British Columbia and the North West Territories, be equal to but shall not exceed what would be contained in blocks not exceeding twenty miles in depth on each side of the said railway, alternating with other blocks of like depth on each side thereof to be reserved by and for the Dominion Government, for the purposes of this Act, and to be sold by it, and the proceeds thereof applied towards reimbursing the sums expended by the Dominion under this Act; and the lands to be granted to the company may be laid out and granted in such alternate blocks, in places remote from settlement and where the Governor in Council may be of opinion that such system is expedient, and to be designated in and by agreement between the Government and the company; but no such grant shall include any land then before granted to any other party, or on which any other party has any lawful claim of pre-emption or otherwise, or any land reserved for school purposes; and the deficiency arising from the exception of any such lands shall be made good to the company by the grant of an equal extent from other wild and ungranted Dominion lands: Provided that, so far as may be practicable, none of such alternate blocks of land as aforesaid shall be less than six miles nor more than twelve miles in front on the railway, and the blocks shall be so laid out as that each block granted to the company on one side of the railway shall be opposite to another block of like width reserved for the Government on the other side of the railway: And provided further, that if the total quantity of land in the alternate blocks to be so granted to the company, should be less than fifty million acres, then the Government may, in its discretion, grant to the company such additional quantity of land elsewhere as will make up with such alternate blocks, a quantity not exceeding fifty million acres; and in the case of such additional grant, a quantity of land elsewhere equal to such additional grant shall be reserved and disposed of by the Government for the same purpose as the alternate blocks to be reserved as aforesaid by the Government on the line of the railway, and such additional lands granted to the company and reserved for the Government shall be laid out in alternate blocks on each side of a common front line or lines, in like manner as the blocks granted and reserved along the line of the railway: And the Governor in Council may, in his discretion, grant to the Company the right of way through any Dominion lands.

Extent.

Lands granted to be in alternate blocks.

Proviso.

Proviso: as to frontage on railway.

Proviso: if alternate blocks granted do not amount to 50,000,000 acres.

Right of way.

In the Province of Ontario, the land grant to the company for the purposes aforesaid, shall be such as the Government of the Dominion may be enabled to make, under any arrangement with the Government of the Province of Ontario.

Lands in Ontario.

The lands to be granted to the company under this section, may be so granted from time to time as any portion of the railway is proceeded with in quantities proportionate to the length, difficulty of construction or expenditure upon such portion, to be

When and in what proportion lands may be granted.