

tered route of the Penobscot and Kennebec Railroad, shall be at liberty to connect its road with said Penobscot and Kennebec Railroad, upon either side thereof, and all passengers, merchandise, or other property coming from or destined to such connecting road shall be transported over said Penobscot and Kennebec Railroad, to or from the point of connection, at rates of fare and freight as favorable as shall at the same time be established or allowed by said Penobscot and Kennebec Railroad Company, for any other passengers, merchandise, or property transported over the road of said company.

§ 3. All passengers, merchandise and property transported over any connecting road mentioned in the two preceding sections, coming from or destined to the Penobscot and Kennebec Railroad, shall be carried, received, and delivered by such connecting company, at rates of fare and freight as favorable as shall at the same time be established or allowed by such connecting company for any other passengers, merchandise, or property transported over such connecting road.

§ 4. If any of the connecting companies aforesaid shall be unable to agree with the Penobscot and Kennebec Railroad Company, in respect to the place or manner of connection with said railroad, or in respect to the terms of such connection, or the rates of fare and freight thereon, both for local and through business, or the division of receipts resulting from transportation over the roads so connected, either party may apply to the Supreme Judicial Court, holden at any term, within any county in which either of such connecting roads shall be located, for the appointment of commissioners, to determine upon the matter of such disagreement. Such notice of said application shall be given to the other party, as the Court may direct, and thereupon the Court shall appoint three Commissioners, who shall, upon due notice to the parties interested, and after hearing the same, proceed to determine and award, in writing, upon the matter submitted to them, and prescribe the things to be done and performed by the parties, or either of them; and said Commissioners shall award costs to either party at their discretion. The award of said Commissioners, or a majority of them, shall be returned to the Court, in the county where the application was made, and the same shall then be accepted and recorded, unless the Court, for cause shown, shall order the same to be recommitted, for further hearing and determination. And upon the acceptance of such award, the same shall be binding upon the respective companies interested in the same, until a new award shall be made upon a further application therefor; but no application for a further award shall be made within one year after the acceptance of a preceding award.

§ 5. The Court shall have the power to prescribe the mode of proceeding by said Commissioners, and may issue all such process as may be necessary to secure the due execution and performance of any award made and accepted under the provisions of this act.

§ 6. The capital stock of the European and North American Railway Company may be divided into not less than one thousand, nor more than one hundred and fifty thousand shares, of twenty pounds sterling each, or one hundred dollars each, as said company may elect; and said company may issue its bonds in sterling currency in the same manner as is now authorized by law.

§ 7. The European and North American Railway Company is hereby authorized to purchase or lease any portion of any other railroad, which has been chartered and located, or may hereafter be located between the City of Bangor and the eastern boundary of the State, and may purchase or lease the Penobscot and Kennebec Railroad, so as to form a connected line of road from the boundary aforesaid to the western terminus of said Penobscot and Kennebec Railroad. And in case of any such purchase, the stock and franchise of the company whose road shall be so purchased shall be consolidated into, and become a part of the stock and franchise of the European and North American Railway Company; and all the privileges and powers acquired by such purchase shall be held and enjoyed under the charter of said company, and said company shall be required to perform and discharge all the duties and liabilities imposed by law upon the company whose road shall be so purchased.