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An Act respecting the Northern Pacific and Manitoba Railway Company.

WHEREAS the Northern Pacific and Manitoba Railway Preamble. Company has, by its petition, prayed that it be enacted as hereinafter set forth, and it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition: Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the 5 advice and cor.sent if the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as fo lows:—

1. Notwithstanding anything contained in chapter 58 of 1889, c. 58. the statutes of 1889, or in any other Act, the Northern Pacific and Manitoba Railway Company, hereinafter called "the Com-Time for 10 pany," shall construct the railway and branches mentioned in construction extended. the said Act of 1889 within five years after the passing of this Act, otherwise the powers granted for such construction by the Acts relating to the Company shall cease and be null and void as respects so much of the undertaking as then remains 15 uncompleted.

- 2. The Company may construct and operate a branch line Branch line of railway not exceeding four miles in length, and of such gauge as the Company thinks proper, from a point on the Company's line on river lot one hundred and ninety-one, in 20 the parish of Ste. Agathe, thence westerly to a point to be fixed by the Company in section fifteen, township three, range one, east, in the province of Manitoba.
- 3. The said branch line shall be commenced within three Time for years and be completed within five years after the passing of construction line. 25 this Act.
 - 4. All the powers and privileges conferred by the Acts re- Powers apply to branches. lating to the Company shall apply to the said branch lines.