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An Act for enforcing the Lien of this Province in respect of claims against certain Railway Companies.

WHEREAS certain Railway Companies have received Provincial Debentures under the provisions of the Acts following, that is to say: an Act passed in the twelfth year of Her Majesty's reign, chapter twenty-nine; also, an Act passed in the session held in the fourteenth and fifteenth years of Her Majesty's reign, chapter seventy-three; also, an Act passed in the sixteenth year of Her Majesty's reign, chapter thirty-seven, or of some or one of them; And whereas under the said provisions the Province has a first hypothec, mortgage and lien upon the roads, tolls and property of the said several Railway Companies for the amount of the Provincial Debentures so advanced to them respectively; And whereas it is expedient to provide proper and sufficient means for enforcing the said hypothec, mortgage and lien, and for giving effect thereto on default being made by any of the said Companies: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

1. Whenever any sum of money has been or shall be paid by the Province for principal money or interest on any Provincial Debentures issued to or on account of any Railway Company under the said recited Acts, or any of them, and whenever the said Company has failed or shall hereafter fail to repay the same with all interest accruing thereon to the Province, it shall be lawful for the Governor in Council to order a notice in writing, to be signed by any person named in such Order, and to be served together with a copy of the said Order in Council on the said Company, by delivering the same to the President, Vice-President, Superintendent, Managing Director or other principal officer of the said Company, which notice shall state the amount claimed as due to the Province, with interest calculated up to the expiration of twenty-one days after service of the notice, and the intention of the Governor to cause proceedings to be taken under this Act for the recovery of the amount thereof at the expiration of the said twenty-one days.

Notice to be served upon Railway Company failing to pay principal or interest due to the Province.

2. In case the said Company, at the expiration of the said period of twenty-one days, shall fail to pay the amount claimed in such notice, it shall be lawful for the Governor to pass an Order in Council authorizing any person, to be therein named, and such person shall thereby be authorized in Her Majesty's name, to enter upon and take possession of the road and other real property of the said Company, and to seize

In case of non payment within twenty-one days from service of notice, road, &c., to be taken possession of in Her