

Railway, the Graving Dock and Railway Lands of the Province," shall have been amended by the Legislature of the said Province, in accordance with a Draft Bill now prepared, and which has been indentified by Sir Alexander Campbell and the Hon. Mr. Smithe, and signed by them, and deposited in the hands of the said Joseph William Trutch, in the presence of :

H. G. HOPKIRK.

BILL.

An Act relating to the Island Railway, the Graving Dock and Railway Lands of the Province.

Whereas negotiations between the Governments of Canada and British Columbia have been recently pending, relative to delays in the commencement and construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and relative to the Island Railway, the Graving Dock and the Railway Lands of the Province ;

And whereas, for the purpose of settling all existing disputes and difficulties between the two Governments, it hath been agreed as follows :—

(a.) The Legislature of British Columbia shall be invited to amend the Act, No. 11, of 1880, intituled : "An Act to authorize the grant of certain Public Lands on the Mainland of British Columbia to the Government of the Dominion of Canada, for Canadian Pacific Railway purposes," so that the same extent of land on each side of the line of railway through British Columbia, wherever finally settled, shall be granted to the Dominion Government in lieu of the lands conveyed by that Act.

(b.) The Government of British Columbia shall obtain the authority of the Legislature to grant to the Government of Canada a portion of the lands set forth and described in the Act, No. 15, of 1882, intituled : "An Act to incorporate the Vancouver Land and Railway Company," namely, that portion of the said lands therein described, commencing at the southern boundary thereof and extending to a line running east and west half way between Comox and Seymour Narrows ; and also a further portion of the lands conveyed by the said Act to the northward of and contiguous to that portion of the said lands last hereinbefore specified, equal in extent to the lands within the limits thereof which may have been alienated from the Crown by Crown grants, pre-emption or otherwise.

(c.) The Government of British Columbia shall obtain the authority of the Legislature to convey to the Government of Canada three and one-half millions of acres of land in the Peace River district of British Columbia, in one rectangular block, east of the Rocky Mountains, and adjoining the North-West Territory of Canada.

(d.) The Government of British Columbia shall procure the incorporation, by Act of their Legislature, of certain persons to be designated by the Government of Canada, for the construction of the railway from Esquimalt to Nanaimo.

(e.) The Government of Canada shall, upon the adoption by the Legislature of British Columbia of the terms of this agreement, seek the sanction of Parliament to enable them to contribute to the construction of a railway from Esquimalt to Nanaimo the sum of \$750,000, and they agree to hand over to the contractors who may build such railway the lands which are or may be placed in their hands for that purpose by British Columbia, and they agree to take security, to the satisfaction of the Government of that Province, for the construction and completion of such railway on or before the 10th day of June, 1887—such construction to commence forthwith.

(f.) The lands on Vancouver Island to be so conveyed shall, except as to coal and other minerals, and also except as to timber lands, as hereinafter mentioned, be open, for four years from the passing of this Act, to actual settlers for agricultural purposes, at the rate of one dollar an acre, to the extent of 160 acres to each such actual settler ; and in any grants to settlers the right to cut timber for railway purposes and rights of way for the railway, and stations and workshops, shall be reserved. In the meantime, and until the railway from Esquimalt to Nanaimo shall have been completed, the Government of British Columbia shall be the agents of the Government of Canada for administering, for the purposes of settlement, the lands on this sub-section men-