

An Act respecting Railway Postal Subsidies and Amalgamation of Railways, and otherwise in amendment of the Railway Act.

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows: Preamble.

1. All Orders which may be made by the Governor in Council, whereby, under authority of the one hundred and ninth section of the Railway Act, or otherwise, any amount or rate of payment or compensation to railway companies generally, or to any railway companies or company in particular, for the carrying of Her Majesty's Mail, or for Postal Service of any kind, ordinary or extraordinary, may be authorized, settled, altered or at all affected—and also, all Departmental or other Reports or Orders whereon any such Order in Council may be based, or otherwise having reference thereto, or to any such amount or rate of payment or compensation—shall be laid before both Houses of the Provincial Parliament, within ten days from the opening of the session next thereafter. Orders in Council regulating Postal Subsidies, &c., to be laid before Parliament each Session.

2. No Order in Council, or Departmental or other Order, or Contract (whether made under authority of the fifty-first section of the Post Office Act, or otherwise), unless sanctioned by Parliament, shall be held to have been sanctioned by Parliament, in so far only as the same may relate to any period not longer than four years after the date of such Order or Contract. Period during which such Order in Council is to take effect limited;

2. But any such Order or Contract which shall have been so laid before Parliament, and against which no Address to the Governor shall have been voted by the Legislative Assembly during such session, shall be held to have been sanctioned by Parliament, in so far only as the same may relate to any period not longer than four years after the date of such Order or Contract. But otherwise if sanctioned by Parliament.

3. So much of the Act passed in the sixteenth year of Her Majesty's reign, and intituled: "An Act to empower any Railway Company, whose railway forms part of the Main Trunk Line of Railway throughout this Province, to unite with any other such Company, or to purchase the property and rights of any such Company, and to repeal certain Acts therein mentioned, incorporating Railway Companies"—and also so much of the Act passed in the same year, and intituled: "An Act to extend the provisions of the Railway Companies' Union Act to Companies whose railways intersect the Main Trunk Line, or touch places which the said Line also touches, as may authorize or empower, or tend to authorize or empower, any two or more railway companies whatever, hereafter to agree, for the uniting together of such companies as one company, or for the purchase and acquisition by any one company of the property and rights of any other companies or company"—is hereby repealed. Portions of certain Acts respecting amalgamation of Railways repealed