

and may plead the general issue, and give this act and the special matter in evidence at any trial to be held thereupon, and that the same was done in pursuance and by the authority of this act; and if it shall appear to have  
 5 been so done, or if any action or suit shall be brought after the time so limited for bringing the same, or if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall be non suit, or discontinue his, her or their action or suit, after the Defendant or Defendants shall have appeared, or if judgment shall be  
 10 given against the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, the Defendant or Defendants shall have full costs, and shall have such remedy for the same as any Defendant or Defendants hath or have for costs of suit in other cases of law.

**LXI.** And be it enacted, That the said Company of  
 15 Proprietors to entitle themselves to the benefits and advantages to them granted by this act, shall and they are hereby required to make and complete the said Railroad from the navigable waters of the River St. Lawrence to the village of Richmond in the Township of Shipton  
 20 on the River St. Francis as aforesaid, in manner aforesaid, within ten years from the passing of this act; and if the same shall not be so made and completed within the said period, so as to be used by the public as aforesaid, then this act and every other matter and thing therein  
 25 contained shall cease and be utterly null and void.

Time limited for completion of Railroad.

**LXII.** And be it enacted, That the said Company shall annually submit to the three branches of the Legislature, within the first fifteen days after the opening of each Session of the Provincial Parliament, a detailed and  
 30 particular account, attested upon oath of the moneys by them received and expended under and by virtue of this act, with a statement of the amount of tonnage and of passengers that have been conveyed along the said road.

Account to be submitted to Legislature.

**LXIII.** And be it enacted, That nothing herein con-  
 35 tained shall affect or be construed to affect, in any manner or way whatsoever, the rights of Her Majesty, Her Heirs, and Successors, or of any person or persons, or of any bodies politic, corporate, or collegiate, such only excepted as are herein mentioned.

Saving of Her Majesty's Rights.

**LXIV.** And be it enacted, That this Act shall be  
 40 deemed and taken to be a Public Act, and as such shall be judicially taken notice of by all Judges, Justices of the Peace and others, without being specially pleaded.

Public Act.