

CHAP. 73.

An Act to incorporate the Great North West Railway Company.

[Assented to 26th May, 1874.]

WHEREAS the construction of a Railway from a point on the shore of Lake Superior at Thunder Bay to the City of Winnipeg in the Province of Manitoba, either in a continuous line or with power to utilize the navigable waters along the said route for the purpose of transport, would be of general benefit to the Dominion: And whereas a petition has been presented praying for the incorporation of a Company for that purpose, and it is expedient to grant the prayer of such petition: Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:—

Preamble.

1. The Honorable Marc Amable Girard, of the Province of Manitoba, Senator; Henry S. Howland, William Thompson and John Leys, of the City of Toronto, Esquires; Thomas Marks, of Thunder Bay, Merchant; Adam Oliver and Peter Johnston Brown, of the Town of Ingersoll, Esquires; James King, of the Town of Sarnia, Grain Dealer; Joseph Davidson and John S. Cook, of the City of Toronto, Lumber Merchants; J. L. Williams, of the City of Hamilton, Esquire; Robert Hay and John Gordon, of the City of Toronto, Merchants; together with such persons and corporations as shall under the provisions of this Act become shareholders in the Company hereby incorporated, are hereby constituted and declared to be a body corporate and politic by the name of "The Great North West Railway Company."

Certain persons incorporated.

Corporate name.

2. The said Company shall have full power and authority to lay out, construct and complete a double or single iron or steel railway, of four feet eight and one-half inches gauge, from a point at Thunder Bay on the shore of Lake Superior to the City of Winnipeg in the Province of Manitoba, either in a continuous line or with power to utilize the navigable waters along the said route for the purpose of transport.

Company may build a railway between certain points, and utilize navigable waters: gauge of road.

3. Notwithstanding anything contained in section nine of "The Railway Act, 1868," the said Company may acquire land and water-lot property at Fort William, Thunder Bay, and the river Kaministiquia, for the purposes of their undertaking, in the mode provided for by the said section, and may acquire under the provisions in that behalf of the said Railway Act, and hold such width of land on the sides of the railway and its branches at any point as may be needed for the erection of snowdrift fences or barriers at a sufficient distance from the track to prevent the obstruction of the line by drifting snow; and the compensation

May acquire land at certain places for snow-drift fences, &c., and water-lot property.

Compensation for lands, &c. to