

An Act concerning the Vaudreuil Railway Company.

WHEREAS the Vaudreuil Railway Company have by their Petition represented that by their Act of Incorporation they were empowered to construct a line of railway "from Vaudreuil to Vaukleek's Hill, and thence to the nearest practicable point of intersection with any railway which may be constructed to Bytown or Kemptville, or to any intermediate place," or, "to construct a junction branch from Vaudreuil uniting with any other railway already constructed or which may hereafter be constructed in the direction of Bytown," and also "to unite and form a junction with other Railway Companies either to Montreal and Kemptville or Bytown,"—That under the provisions of the said Act the said Company made a careful survey of the whole line from Vaudreuil to Bytown (now the city of Ottawa), with maps, plans, and books of reference:—

15 That by the Act passed in 1856 "to provide for and encourage the construction of a railway from Lake Huron to Quebec," it is provided that "the Montreal and Bytown Railway Company and the Vaudreuil Railway Company shall be entitled each to make half the railway from opposite Grenville to the city of Ottawa, 20 dividing such railway between them; the Montreal and Bytown Railway Company taking the half nearest to Grenville;—and that "if within three years the said Montreal and Bytown Railway Company shall not have raised their share of the funds, and commenced their share of the said road from the Ottawa to Lake 25 Huron, it shall in that case be lawful for the said Vaudreuil Railway Company to take and complete alone the said share, &c., for that part of the road which lies between Hawkesbury and the city of Ottawa":—

That by the Act passed in 1861 "to incorporate the Canada 30 Central Railway Company, and to amend the Act intituled 'An Act to provide for and encourage the construction of a railway from Lake Huron to Quebec',"—providing for the construction of a railway "from Lake Huron to the city of Ottawa by way of 35 of Montreal,"—it was enacted, that "in the event of the Canada Central Railway Company failing to construct the portion of the said railway between the city of Ottawa and Vaudreuil or any part thereof within five years from the passing hereof, the Vaudreuil Railway Company, under its Act of Incorporation, which 40 shall continue to be in force, shall have the right to construct the same, and thereupon shall have all the privileges hereby conferred upon the Canada Central Railway Company in respect of the said portion thereof:—