

An Act for raising, by way of Loan, a sum not exceeding One Million of Pounds Sterling, for the construction of a Trunk Railway through British North America.

WHEREAS Her Majesty's Government is disposed, on certain conditions, to recommend to Parliament that the credit of the United Kingdom shall be employed to enable the Provinces of Canada, New Brunswick, and Nova-Scotia, to raise, upon advantageous terms, the funds necessary for the construction of a line of Railway, from the Harbour of Halifax, in Nova-Scotia, to Quebec or Montreal, in the Province of Canada :

And whereas the Parliament of this Province hath, during the present Session, passed an Act for the construction of that portion of the Railway from the Harbour of Halifax to Quebec, which is to be made by this Province, provided the necessary funds shall be raised under the authority and guarantee of the Parliament of the United Kingdom, or advanced as a loan to this Province under such authority :

I. The sum necessary for defraying the expenses of making such part of the Railway from the Harbour of Halifax to some point opposite the City of Quebec, as may be to be made under the provisions of the Act passed in the present Session, and entitled, "An Act to make provision for the construction of a Trunk Railway through British North America," and the arrangements under the same, or any other expenses which, under any such arrangement, are to be borne by this Province, may be raised and borrowed under the provisions of any Act which shall be passed by the Parliament of the United Kingdom authorising the advance of such sums to this Province from the Treasury of the United Kingdom, or guaranteeing the repayment of the sums so borrowed, the due payment of dividends and interest thereon, or providing in any other way for the employment of the credit of the United Kingdom, so as to ensure the raising of such sums on advantageous terms ; and the sums so raised shall be applied to the purposes for which they are hereby authorised to be raised and no other ; but the sums to be raised under the authority of this Act shall not in the whole exceed the sum of One Million of Pounds Sterling, including the Stock held by the City of Halifax as hereinafter mentioned, and any Stock that may be taken by private individuals.

II. Such sums may be raised and borrowed under and subject to the provisions of any such Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom, by any person appointed in that behalf by Her Majesty or by the Governor of this Province, by Loan Debentures or otherwise ; and the principal sums so raised, and the dividends and interest thereon, are hereby charged on the general revenues of this Province, of which the profits coming to this Province from any part of the Railway made with the funds raised under this Act, shall form part, and shall be the first charge thereon, after any previously existing debts of the Province, and the sums payable under any Act then in force granting a Civil List to Her Majesty.

III. The annual sums payable for the transmission of British Mails and Troops shall be carried to the credit of the loan contracted, and shall, together with the nett profits of the Railway, after deducting working expenses and interest, form a sinking fund for the liquidation of such loan.

IV. Until the Railway shall pay its working expenses, and the annual interest due upon the loan contracted, no part of the principal sum shall be chargeable upon the revenues of this Province, nor shall the Sinking Fund ever consist of more than two per cent. per annum, if chargeable on the Provincial Revenues, on the principal sums so to be raised and borrowed.

V. The principal sums, so to be raised and borrowed, shall be received from time to time, as the same may be raised, by the Receiver General, who shall, upon the