

and, save only in any proceeding, by *scire facias* or otherwise, for direct impeachment thereof, the letters patent or supplementary letters-patent themselves, or any exemplification or copy thereof under the great seal, shall be conclusive proof of every matter and thing therein set forth.

Forfeiture of charter for non-user.

**53.** The charter of the Company shall be forfeited by non-user during three consecutive years at any one time,—or if the Company do not go into actual operation within three years after it is granted ; and no declaration of such forfeiture by any Act of Parliament shall be deemed an infringement of such charter.

Future legislation.

**54.** The Company shall be subject to such further and other provisions as Parliament may hereafter deem expedient.

Fees on letters patent.

**[55.** The Governor in Council may from time to time establish, alter, and regulate the tariff of the fees to be paid on applications for letters-patent and supplementary letters-patent under this Act, may designate the department or departments through which the issue thereof shall take place, and may prescribe the forms of proceeding and record in respect thereof, and all other matters requisite for carrying out the objects of this Act.

2. Such fees may be made to vary in amount, under any rule or rules,—as to nature of Company, amount of capital, and otherwise,—that may be deemed expedient;

3. No step shall be taken in any Department towards the issue of any letters-patent or supplementary letters-patent under this Act, until after the amount of all fees therefor shall have been duly paid.]

Acts repealed.

**56.** The Act chapter sixty-three of the consolidated statutes of Canada, intituled : “ An Act respecting joint stock Companies for manufacturing, mining, mechanical, chemical or other purposes, or for the erection of public hotels or baths and bath-houses, or the opening and using of salt or mineral springs, or for carrying on fishing,”—the Act chapter thirty-one of the statutes of the late Province of Canada passed in the twenty-third year of Her Majesty’s reign, and intituled : “ An Act respecting the judicial incorporation of joint-stock Companies for certain purposes,”—and the Act chapter twenty-three of the statutes of the said late Province passed in the session held in the twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth years of Her Majesty’s reign, and intituled : “ An Act to authorize the granting of charters of incorporation to manufacturing, mining and other companies,”—and all Acts extending or amending the same, or any of them, and sections one to seven both inclusive and sections ten, eleven, twelve, and thirteen, of chapter sixty-seven of the consolidated statutes of Canada, intituled ; “ An Act respecting Telegraph Companies,”—are hereby repealed in so far as regards the formation or incorporation hereafter, in virtue of any of the provisions thereof, of any company whatever, the incorporation of which is subject to the control of the Parliament of Canada.

Existing Companies.

2. But every such Company heretofore incorporated by virtue of any of such Acts, shall so remain, and no provision of such Acts shall, as touching any such Company, be in any wise affected by this Act;

Pending applications for charters.

3. And every application for the incorporation of any Company, the incorporation of which is subject to the control of the Parliament of Canada,—pending at the time of the passing of this Act under the said Act passed in the twenty-third year of Her Majesty’s reign or under the said Act chapter twenty-three of the Acts passed in the session held