

upon, and may aver that the same was done in pursuance and by authority of this Act.

XVIII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any person shall, by any means or in any manner or way whatsoever, obstruct or interrupt the free use of the said Rail-road, or the carriages, engines or other works incidental or relative thereto, or connected therewith, such person shall for every such offence incur a forfeiture or penalty of not less than five pounds nor exceeding ten pounds currency; one half of which penalty or forfeiture, to be recovered before one or more Justices of the Peace for the said District of Montreal, shall go to the prosecutor or informer, and the other half to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and shall be paid into the hands of the Receiver General, and be applied for the public uses of this Province, and the support of the Government thereof.

Penalty on persons obstructing the free use of the Rail-road.

XIX. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any person or persons shall wilfully and maliciously, and to the prejudice of the said Rail-road authorized to be made by this Act, break, throw down, damage or destroy the same or any part thereof, or any of the houses, warehouses, toll-houses, watch-houses, weigh-beams, cranes, carriages, engines, inclined planes, machines or other works or devices, incidental and relative thereto or connected therewith, or other wilful hurt or mischief, to obstruct, hinder or prevent the carrying on, completing, supporting, and maintaining the said intended Rail-road, such person or persons shall be adjudged guilty of felony, and the Court by and before whom such person or persons shall be tried and convicted, shall have power and authority to cause such person or to be punished in like manner as felons are directed to be punished by the laws in force in this Province, or in mitigation thereof to award such sentence as the law directs in cases of petty larceny, as to such Court shall seem fitting.

Penalty on persons breaking down or damaging the Rail-road or any houses.

Provisions of a similar nature are made by sections 18, 19 & 20 of 16 Vict. c. 78, pages 64 & 65, which see.

XX. And to the end that the said Company of Proprietors may be enabled to carry on so useful an undertaking, Be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Company of Proprietors and their successors, to raise and contribute among themselves, in such proportions as to them shall seem meet and convenient, a competent sum of money for the making and completing the said Rail-road, and all such other works, matters and conveniences as may be found necessary for making, effecting, preserving, improving, completing, maintaining and using the said Rail-road and other works: Provided always that the members of the said Corporation, whose names are hereinbefore mentioned, shall cause books of subscription to be opened in the said City of Montreal, for receiving the signatures of persons willing to become subscribers to the said undertaking, and for this purpose they shall be held and bound to give public notice during at least four successive weeks in the *Montreal Gazette* and in any other public

Company of Proprietors to contribute among themselves the necessary sums for carrying on their undertaking.

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