

## An Act respecting the St. Francis and Megantic Railway.

**WHEREAS**, the Saint Francis and Megantic International Preamble.

Railway Company have petitioned for amendment of their Act of Incorporation, granting to said Company power to construct a branch railway to connect with the Boston, Concord and Montreal Railroad, or any extension thereof, or any railroad touching the Dominion of Canada on the northern line of the States of New Hampshire or Vermont, and to make business arrangements, including power of leasing their branch or main railway to any Company owning such road or roads, if found advisable; and further, granting to said Company power to issue an increased amount of bonds, not to exceed in all twenty-five thousand dollars per mile of their railway, and to pledge and mortgage any lands held by said Company from the Province of Quebec, as a subsidy in lieu of a money subsidy, in aid of said Company, as collateral security for their bonds; and further, granting to said Company such other amendments as may be necessary to enable them to carry out effectively the objects secured to them in their charter; and it is expedient to grant said petition; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:

1. The St. Francis and Megantic International Railway Company shall have power, and are hereby empowered to construct a branch Railway to connect the Railroad, said Company are now authorized to build, and which is now in course of construction, with the Boston, Concord and Montreal Railroad or any extension thereof; or with any other railway extending from some point in the United States northward and touching the boundary line of Canada, either on the northern boundary of the State of New Hampshire or the State of Vermont, and to make such connection, either at the boundary of Canada, or to connect with any railway within the Province of Quebec, being an extension of or connected with such foreign railway; and the powers, privileges and immunities granted to said Saint Francis and Megantic International Railway Company, for the construction of their main line of railway, shall be extended to and have the effect as respects the branch or branches, which said Company are hereby authorized to build; and said Saint Francis and Megantic International Railway Company, shall have power to make any contract or agreement with any such foreign railway company, or with any railway company chartered in Canada, as may be found necessary to carry out the objects of such connection, and enable them to obtain the advantage of the transit of passengers and goods over the road or roads, with which their railway, or any branch of their railway, may connect, and to fix the terms, mode and conditions of all

Power to the Company to connect with other Railways by branches.

Present power, &c., to apply to such branches.

Company may make agreements with other companies.