No. 50.]

## BILL.

[1898.

An Act to incorporate the Ottawa, Montreal and James Bay Railway Company.

WHEREAS a petition has been presented praying for the Preamble. incorporation of a company to construct and operate a railway as hereinafter set forth, and it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition: Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:—

Ross, together with such persons as become shareholders in the company hereby incorporated, are hereby constituted a 10 body corporate under the name of "The Ottawa, Montreal and James Bay Railway Company," hereinafter called "the Company."

2. The head office of the Company shall be in the city of Head office. Montreal, but may be changed to any other place in Canada 15 or in Great Britain, as the directors from time to time determine by by-law.

3. The Company may lay out, construct and operate a rail-Line of way of the gauge of four feet eight and one-half inches, [or of railway such other gauge as may be adopted by the Company], from a 20 point at or near the town of Labelle, in the county of Ottawa, or from the city of Montreal, in the province of Quebec, and from some point on the Ottawa and Gatineau Railway, or from the city of Hull, in the said county of Ottawa; thence running almost northerly to a point near the source of the 25 Gatineau and St. Maurice rivers near the northern boundary line of the said province; thence to a point near the source of the Megiskun (or Bell) River, in the North-east Territory; thence northerly and westerly to Lake Mattagami, in the said territory; thence northerly near the Noddawai River, or by 30 the most feasible route, to some point on James Bay.

4. The Company may, for the purposes of its business,—
(a.) construct, acquire, and navigate vessels upon or across Hudson's Bay, the Megiskun River, Noddawai River and Lake Mattagami, and upon the other lakes and streams form35 ing part thereof or tributary thereto, or connecting therewith, and upon other inland waters of the North-east Territory and of the province of Quebec connecting with or adjacent to the proposed line of railway, and carry on generally the business of transportation in connection with the said railway and vessels; and may from time to time sell and dispose of such vessels;

Powers of Company. Vessels.