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An Act further to amend the Acts respecting the Canadian Pacific Railway, and to provide for the completion and successful operation thereof.

[Assented to 20th July, 1885.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS the Canadian Pacific Railway Company have represented, that although the advance provided for by the Act of the now last Session of this Parliament, chapter one, is sufficient for the construction and equipment of the railway, according to the provisions of the contract of construction, within the period contemplated by the said Act, yet that the large development of traffic which has already taken place on the line of the railway, and the immediate increase which is expected, render it necessary to provide effectively for the requirements of such traffic upon the completion of the railway, by the improvement of the railway itself, the extension of its station and siding accommodation, the creation of additional terminal facilities at various points thereon, and the provision of additional equipment; that by reason of the stringency of the provisions of the said Act, the Company cannot raise funds for such purposes upon the security of its property, and that it has been unable to sell any part of its shares remaining in the hands of the Government; and the Company have therefore applied for authority to issue first mortgage bonds on their property and franchises, for a re-arrangement of the lien and security created by the said Act thereon, and for a temporary advance to be repaid from the sale of part of the said bonds; and whereas in order that the character of the railway and its facilities for the transport of traffic across the continent may be of the highest possible class, it is expedient to grant the application of the Company, to such extent and in such manner as shall be consistent with the security of the advances already made and to be made to the Company; Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:—

Issue of mortgage bonds to amount of \$35,000,000, at 5 per cent. interest, for

1. The Canadian Pacific Railway Company, under the authority of its shareholders, as provided by the twenty-eighth section of its charter, may issue and deliver to the Government first mortgage bonds to the extent of thirty-five