

petition of Sir Hugh Allan and others was presented praying for an Act of incorporation under the name of the "Canada Pacific Railway Company." Bills on the above petitions were introduced on the 30th April and passed through the different stages, and in due course became law.

On the 7th of May, 1872, the House resolved itself into Committee to consider certain resolutions respecting the Canadian Pacific Railway. The resolutions were recommitted on the 21st and ordered to be reported. There were eight resolutions, the first affirming the expediency of providing for the construction of the said railway; the second relating to the extent between some point near Lake Nipissing and some point on the Pacific Ocean, and the sixth fixing the gauge at four feet eight inches and a-half. The third, fourth, fifth, seventh and eighth resolutions were as follows:—

"3. That the whole line of such railway be constructed and worked by one Company, to be approved of and agreed with by the Governor in Council, and be commenced within two years and completed within ten years from the admission of British Columbia into the Dominion.

"4. That the land grant to such Company to secure the construction and working of the railway, shall not exceed fifty million acres, in blocks of twenty miles in depth on each side of the line of the railway in Manitoba, the North-West Territories and British Columbia, alternating with blocks of like depth reserved for the Government of the Dominion, and to be sold by it, and the proceeds of such sale applied towards reimbursing to the Dominion the sums expended by it on the construction of the said railway; such lands to be granted from time to time as any portion of the railway is completed, in proportion to the length, difficulty of construction and cost of such portion, and in Ontario such land grant to be subject to the arrangement which may be made in that behalf by the Government of the Dominion with the Government of that Province: provided that, if the total quantity of land in the alternate blocks to be so granted to the Company should be less than fifty million acres, then the Government may in its discretion grant to the Company such additional quantity of land elsewhere as will make up, with such alternate blocks a quantity not exceeding fifty million acres; and in the case of such additional grant, a quantity of land elsewhere equal to such additional grant shall be reserved and disposed of by the Government for the same purposes, as the alternate blocks to be reserved as aforesaid by the Government on the line of the railway.

"5. That the subsidy or aid in money to be granted to such Company be such sum not exceeding thirty million dollars in the whole, as may be agreed upon between the Government and the Company, such subsidy to be granted from time to time by instalments as any portion of the railway is completed in proportion to the length, difficulty of construction and cost of such portion; the company allowing the cost of the surveys of the line in 1871-72, as part of such subsidy; and that the Governor in Council be authorized to raise by loan such sum as may be required to pay such subsidy.

"7. That the Government may make such agreement as aforesaid with any Company, approved by the Governor in Council, and being incorporated with power to construct a railway on a line approved by him, from Lake Nipissing to the Pacific Ocean; or, that if