

An Act to incorporate "The Canada Pacific Railway Company."

WHEREAS the construction of a line of railway through Preamble.
 British Territory across the continent of North America,
 which, in conjunction with existing railways, would afford unin-
 terrupted railway communication between the Atlantic and
 5 Pacific seaports of the Dominion of Canada, is a work of vast
 importance, not only to the political and commercial interests of
 Canada, as tending to the closer union of its several provinces, but
 also to the British Empire at large, as affording rapid and direct
 communication through British Territory with her Australian
 10 and Asiatic possessions, and opening up for colonization an almost
 unlimited extent of fertile country; and whereas the persons
 hereinafter named, have formed themselves into an association
 for the purpose of constructing the said line of Railway, and a line
 of Electric Telegraph in connection therewith, and have prayed,
 15 by petition, to be incorporated as a Company, and to be invested
 with the powers necessary for the purpose, and it is expedient to
 grant the prayer of their petition: Therefore, Her Majesty, by
 and with the advice of the Senate and House of Commons of
 Canada, enacts as follows:

20 **1.** Alfred Waddington, Esquire, William Kersteman, with all Certain
 such other persons and corporations as shall become shareholders persons in-
 in the Company hereby incorporated, shall be and they are hereby corporated.
 constituted a body corporate and politic by the name of the
 "Canada Pacific Railway Company," and the words "the Com-
 25 pany" when used in this Act, shall mean the Canada Pacific
 Railway Company hereby incorporated.

2. "The Railway Act, 1868," shall apply to the Corporation Railway Act
 hereby constituted, and the words "this Act," when used herein, to apply.
 shall be understood to include the clauses of the Railway Act,
 20 1868, as varied or modified by any of the provisions hereinafter
 contained.

3. The Company and their servants shall have full power and Power to
 authority to lay out, construct, make and finish at their own costs build Rail-
 and charges a double or single iron railway and telegraph line, way.
 35 with the appurtenances, namely: beginning at a point in the Pro-
 vince of Ontario, where the river Mattawan unites with the river
 Ottawa, and thence north and west within the territory of the
 Dominion of Canada, by the most eligible railroad route that shall
 be determined by the Company, to the summit of the Yellow or
 40 Leather Head Pass, in the Rocky Mountains, on the eastern
 boundary of British Columbia, with authority to continue the said
 railway to Bute Inlet, on the Gulf of Georgia, or any other suit-
 able seaport in British Columbia, whenever that colony shall be
 admitted to the Dominion of Canada, in pursuance of the British
 45 North America Act, 1867.