

XXIII. And be it enacted, That every such road or other work as aforesaid, and all the materials which shall from time to time to be got and provided for constructing, building, maintaining or repairing the same, and all toll houses, gates and other buildings, constructed and acquired by or at the expense of any Company acting under the provisions of this Act, and used for their benefit and convenience, shall be vested in such Company, and their successors.

Roads or other works and materials for the same vested in companies and their successors.

XXIV. And be it enacted, That every such Company so to be incorporated as aforesaid, shall be bound and is hereby required to complete each and every road or extension thereof, not more than five miles in length, and any other work undertaken by them, and for the completion whereof they shall have become incorporated as aforesaid within two years from the day of their becoming incorporated under this Act, in default whereof they shall forfeit all the corporate and other powers and authority which they shall have in the meantime acquired, and all their corporate powers shall thenceforth cease, and determine, unless further time be granted by a By-law of the County or United Counties in which said road or the greatest portion thereof shall be situate; and if such road or extension thereof shall exceed five miles in length, then such Company shall be bound to complete in each and every year after the expiry of the first two years as aforesaid, not less than five miles of said road until the same be entirely finished, under pain of forfeiture of their charter and corporate powers and authority thereby acquired, so far as concerns the portion of such road which shall remain unfinished, and not otherwise, unless further time be granted as aforesaid.

Roads, &c., to be completed within a certain period after incorporation of companies.

Penalty for default.

XXV. And be it enacted, That if any person shall wilfully and maliciously burn, break down, injure, cut, remove or destroy in whole, or in part, any toll house, turnpike gate, wall, lock, chain, or other fastening, rail, post, bar or other fence, belonging to any toll gate or toll house, set up, erected or used for the purpose of preventing the passing by such gate of persons, carriages or other property liable to the payment of toll, at such gate, or any house, building, engine or weighing machine erected or used for the better ascertainment or security of any such toll, every such offenders shall be guilty of a misdemeanour, and on conviction thereof, shall be punished by either imprisonment in the provincial penitentiary, for a term not exceeding three years, or by fine and imprisonment in the common gaol for any term not exceeding two years, at the discretion of the Court, before whom the offender shall be convicted; and if any person or persons shall remove any earth, stone, plank, timber or other materials used or intended to be used in or upon the said road for the construction, maintenance:

Penalty on persons injuring Roads or other works of any company.