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An Act to authorize the granting of subsidies in aid of the construction of the lines of railway therein mentioned.

HER Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows :---

1. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires, the Interpreta-5 expression "cost" means the actual, necessary and reasonable "Court." cost and shall include the amount expended upon any bridge, up to and not exceeding \$25,000, forming part of the line of railway subsidized not otherwise receiving any bonus, but shall not include the cost of equipping the railway, nor the 10 cost of terminals and right of way of the railway in any city or incorporated town; and such actual, necessary and reasonable cost shall be determined by the Governor in Council, Cost, how upon the recommendation of the Minister of Railways and determined. Canals, and upon the report of the Chief Engineer of Govern-15 ment Railways, certifying that he has made or caused to be made an inspection of the line of railway for which payment of subsidy is asked, and careful inquiry into the cost thereof,

and that in his opinion the amount upon which the subsidy is claimed is reasonable, and does not exceed the true, actual and

30 proper cost of the construction of such railway.

2. The Governor in Council may grant a subsidy of \$3,200 Subsidies per mile towards the construction of each of the undermen-authorized. tioned lines of railway (not exceeding in any case the number of miles hereinafter respectively stated) which shall not cost 25 more on the average than \$15,000 per mile for the mileage subsidized, and towards the construction of each of the said lines of railway not exceeding the mileage hereinafter stated, which shall cost more on the average than \$15,000 per mile for the mileage subsidized, a further subsidy beyond the sum 30 of \$3,200 per mile of fifty per cent on so much of the average cost of the mileage subsidized as is in excess of \$15,000 per mile, such subsidy not exceeding in the whole the sum of \$6,400 per mile :--

1. To the Central Ontario Railway Company, for an extension of their railway from, or from near, either Coe Hill or Rathbun Station on the company's railway to, or near to Bancroft, not exceeding 21 miles, in lieu of the subsidy granted by chapter 2 of 1892;

2. To the Great Northern Railway Company, for a railway between Montcalm and St. Tite Junction, on the Lower Laurentian Railway, Quebec, not exceeding 531 miles; and for a branch from their main line to Shawenegan Falls, Quebec, not exceeding 61 miles;