

1. The line of railway from Halifax to Pictou mentioned in the first section of the said Act, comprises the said line from Richmond Station to North Street in the City of Halifax, forming part of the Intercolonial Railway within the meaning of the said Act, which shall be read and construed accordingly.

Line from Richmond Station to North Street, Halifax, is part of the said Railway.

2. Inasmuch as the Intercolonial Railway is a public work of Canada, the Minister of Public Works has, and he may at his option exercise with respect to the same or the construction, maintenance or amendment of the same, or any part thereof, or in any respect whatsoever connected therewith, any of the rights, powers and authorities granted and conferred in and by the Act passed in the thirty-first year of Her Majesty's reign, intituled: "*An Act respecting the Public Works of Canada.*"

Minister may exercise as to the said Railway, the powers given by 31 V., c. 12.

CHAP 17.

An Act respecting the Desjardins' Canal.

[Assented to 12th April, 1876.]

WHEREAS by an Act of the legislature of the late Province of Upper Canada, passed in the seventh year of the reign of His Majesty, King George the Fourth, chapter eighteen, after reciting that public benefits were expected to be derived from connecting Burlington Bay with Lake Ontario, and in order that those benefits might be more generally extended to the surrounding country, it was of manifest importance to form a water communication or canal sufficient for the passage of sloops and other vessels of burden, from the said bay to the village of Cootes Paradise, through the intervening marsh and other lands, and further reciting, that Peter Desjardins and others, had petitioned the Legislature to be by law incorporated for the purpose of effecting by means of a joint capital or stock, such water communication or canal from the said bay to the said village;—it is in effect enacted, that certain persons therein named were constituted and declared to be a body corporate and politic, by the name of the "Desjardins' Canal Company;" and it is further by the said Act enacted that the Company should have full power and authority for the purposes of forming and completing the said canal, to purchase and hold in their corporate capacity such real estate as might be necessary for all the purposes of the said canal and of the said Act; and it is further in effect enacted, that the said Act now in recital should continue in force for fifty years from the time of the passing

Preamble.
Recital of Act of U. C. 7 Geo. 4, c. 18.