

of the Trunk Line from some point between the Bend of Petitcodiac and the Harbour of Shediac, or from one of those places to the River Miramichi, which is to be constructed simultaneously with or immediately after the completion of the road from Saint John to the Bend of Petitcodiac; another branch or extension to some convenient place at or near the Harbour of Shediac, in case the principal line shall not touch such Harbour; and another branch or extension of such principal line of Railway west of the River Saint John, from some point between the City of Saint John and the Eastern Boundary of the State of Maine, to the City of Fredericton, which is also to be constructed simultaneously with or immediately after the completion of the Main Trunk Line from Saint John to the Eastern Boundary of the State of Maine; then and in such case the Provincial Treasurer shall be authorised by the Lieutenant Governor in Council to subscribe, on behalf of the Province, for shares in the said Company, to the amount of five thousand pounds sterling; and in payment therefor, to deliver to the said Company special Certificates of Debt, to be called Debentures, bearing interest at a rate not exceeding six per cent. per annum, payable half yearly, the principal money redeemable in twenty years; and so from time to time, when it shall be satisfactorily proved to the Lieutenant Governor in Council, that the proceeds of the Debentures previously delivered have been expended in the construction of such principal line of Railway, or of its branches or extensions as aforesaid, and that a further sum of at least twenty thousand pounds sterling has been actually expended in like manner, the Provincial Treasurer shall be again authorised to subscribe, on behalf of the Province, for shares in the said Company, to the amount of five thousand pounds sterling, and also to pay in full for such shares, by a further delivery of Debentures; provided always, that the amount of shares subscribed for by the said Provincial Treasurer on behalf of the Province, shall not exceed in the whole the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand pounds sterling, and that the route or location of the principal line of Railway, and the several branches and extensions herein specified, before being finally adopted, shall in all cases be subject to the approval of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in Council."

To which Section an amendment was moved—To add the following:—

"And when any Rail Road Company which now is or hereafter may be established, shall make it appear to the satisfaction of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, that they are prepared to construct, complete and equip a Line of Rail Road, or a section of a Line of Rail Road, not less than fifty miles in extent within this Province, they shall be entitled to all the rights, privileges and accommodations that the European and North American Railway Company are entitled to under this Act, and subject to all the rules and regulations to which the said European and North American Railway Company are subject by this Act."

And the question being taken upon the said amendment, the Committee divided as follows:—

YEAS.

Mr. Robinson,
Rice,
Pickard,

Mr. Beardsley,
Fitzgerald.

NAYS.

Hon. Mr. Speaker,
Hon. Mr. Partelow,
Hon. Mr. Street,
Hon. Mr. Gray,
Hon. Mr. Wilmot,
Mr. Botsford,
Kerr,
Hanington,
Read,
Scoullar,
Lewis,
Taylor,
Williston,
Needham,
Gordon,
Harding,
J. M. Johnson,

Mr. Stiles,
Montgomery,
Macpherson,
Ryan,
M'Leod,
English,
Purdy,
Godard,
M'Phelim,
Cutler,
Porter,
Hatheway,
Jordan,
Earle,
Gilbert,
Smith.

Whereupon it was decided in the negative.