

5. The contractors and the contractors' company shall be entitled to receive in preference to any other person or company during ten years from the said 1st of September, 1898, such aid or assistance in land or money as the Government may be authorized and may see fit to grant in aid of a line of railway from the Stikine River to an ocean port in British Columbia, provided that the contractors or contractors' company are willing to undertake the construction of the same at once and completion thereof within a reasonable time upon receiving notice thereof from the Government.

6. The tolls to be collected by the contractors or contractors company upon the line of railway hereby contracted for between Stikine River and Teslin Lake shall be first fixed by the Governor General in Council, and the tolls so fixed shall not be liable to reduction until the said railway has been in operation for four years, but such tolls shall be reduced by the Governor in Council by twenty-five per cent from and after such four years, and after the said railway has been in operation seven years they shall be reduced by twenty-five per cent off the tolls as previously reduced, but after the said railway has been ten years in operation the tolls shall be subject to the general railway laws of Canada in that behalf.

7. The land granted to the contractors or contractors' company hereunder shall be free from taxation for ten years from the granting thereof, except municipal taxation by an incorporated city, town or village within the Yukon Provisional District.

8. The contractors shall immediately construct a practicable sleigh road from the mouth of Stikine River to Teslin Lake and shall provide suitable shelters or stopping places for travelers at intervals of not more than twenty-five miles along such road, such road and stopping places to be available for use at the earliest possible moment and in any event not later than six weeks from the execution of this agreement.

9. The contractors or the contractors' company shall provide or arrange with others to provide steamboat transport of freight and passengers between the terminus of said railway on Teslin Lake or other terminus northerly thereof and Dawson City to and fro.

10. The contractors shall within ten days after the execution hereof deposit with the Government in cash or approved cash security the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars as security that the railway from Stikine River to Teslin Lake hereby contracted for will be completed and equipped in accordance with the terms hereof, and on such railway being completed and equipped and accepted as hereinbefore specified the said sum or security shall be returned to the contractors or to whom they may appoint, and if the same be deposited in cash, interest at the rate of three per cent per annum thereon shall be paid for the time such cash has been so deposited.

11. In aid of the construction of said line of railway from Stikine River to Teslin Lake the Government shall grant to the contractors for each mile of said railway twenty-five thousand acres of land to be selected as hereinafter mentioned from the Yukon Provisional District and from that part of the Northwest Territories of Canada lying west of the Mackenzie River and Liard River and north of the 60th parallel of lati-