

1. The lines of Railway to be constructed under the provisions of this Act, shall be Public Provincial Works, and shall be made on such grades as the Governor in Council shall determine, as best adapted to promote the public interests.

2. The lines to be constructed shall be a line from Saint John to Shediac, and also from Saint John to the State of Maine, with extensions to Woodstock via Fredericton, and from some point on the Bend and Shediac line to Miramichi.

3. The line from the Bend of Petitcodiac to Shediac shall be completed first, at the same time the two extensions shall be surveyed; when that portion of the line from Shediac to the Bend of Petitcodiac is completed, the line from Saint John to the Bend of Petitcodiac shall be proceeded with, during the construction of which, fifty thousand pounds sterling shall also be expended in construction on each extension, to commence in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty seven, and the expenditure on the extension to Woodstock to begin at Fredericton and proceed upwards; after which, the line from Saint John to the State of Maine to be proceeded with, and the two extensions shall be proceeded with by an equal annual expenditure on each extension.

4. The construction and management of such Railways shall be under the charge of five Commissioners, any two of whom, with the Chairman, shall be a quorum, to be appointed by the Governor in Council, and to hold office during pleasure, one of whom to be named in the Commission shall be the Chairman, who may sit and vote with the other Commissioners. Not more than one of such Commissioners shall hold a seat in each branch of the Legislature.

5. The Commissioners shall build such Railways by tender and contract, after the plans and specifications therefor shall have been duly advertised, and they may accept the tenders of any such contractors as shall appear to them to be possessed of sufficient skill, experience, and resources, to carry on the whole or such portions thereof as they may be willing to contract for. But where the Commissioners in any case may deem it necessary for the public interest not to accept the