

have the power by a Vote or Resolution entered among the minutes of the proceedings of any meeting, to authorize the President or Treasurer to appear in any cause to answer such interrogatories; and the answers of the President or Treasurer, so authorized, shall be held and taken to be the answers of the Company to all intents and purposes, as if all the formalities, by law required, had been complied with; and the production of a copy of such Resolution, certified by the Secretary, with the said answers, shall be sufficient evidence of such authorization.

XIX. And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Company to take and appropriate for the use of the Railway, but not to alienate, so much of the land covered with the waters of the Rivers Ottawa or St. Lawrence, or of any other river, stream or canal, or of their respective beds, as may be found necessary for the making and completing, or more conveniently using the same, and thereon to erect such wharves, quays, inclined planes, cranes and other works as to the Company shall seem meet: Provided always, that it shall not be lawful for the said Company to cause any obstruction in or to impede the free navigation of the River Saint Lawrence or of the River Ottawa, or of any other river, stream or canal to or across which their Railway shall be carried; and if the said Railway shall be carried across any navigable river or canal, the said Company shall leave such openings between the piers of their bridge or viaduct over the same, and shall construct such draw-bridge or swing-bridge over the channel of the river or canal, and shall be subject to such regulations with regard to the opening of such draw-bridge or swing-bridge for the passage of vessels and rafts, as the Governor in Council shall direct and make from time to time; nor it shall it be lawful for the said Company to construct any wharf, bridge, pier, or other work upon the public beach or bed of any navigable river or stream, or upon the land covered with the waters thereof, until they shall have submitted the plan of such work to the Governor in Council, nor until the same shall have been approved by him in Council as aforesaid.

Company may take lands covered by the St. Lawrence or Ottawa, &c.

Proviso: as to Bridges over navigable rivers, &c.

XX. And be it enacted, That by any regulations to be made by the Governor in Council touching any such draw-bridge or swing-bridge as aforesaid, penalties not exceeding *ten pounds*, in any case, may be imposed for the contravention thereof, and such penalties shall be recoverable from the said Company or from any of their officers or servants by whom the regulations shall have been contravened.

Governor in Council may impose penalties.

XXI. And be it enacted, That the said Company shall have power to become parties to Promissory Notes and Bills of Exchange for sums not less than twenty-five pounds, and any such Promissory Note made or endorsed, and any such Bill of Exchange drawn, accepted or endorsed by the President or Vice-President of the Company, and countersigned by the Secretary and Treasurer, and under the authority of a majority of a *quorum* of the Directors, is and shall be binding upon the Company; and every such Promissory Note or Bill of Exchange made, drawn, accepted or endorsed by the President or Vice-President of the said Company, and countersigned by the Secretary and Treasurer as such, either before or after the passing of this Act, shall be presumed to have been properly made, drawn, accepted or endorsed, as the case may be, for

Company may be parties to promissory notes, &c.