

which may relate to one or more separate Lots or Parcels of the Land required, and to the several Owners thereof. Whereupon, the said Judges shall appoint a time and place for considering the said Petition, with respect to each several lot referred to, and shall direct to be given to all parties interested in each particular lot petitioned for, who may have their abode in this Province, or to whom, if not resident therein, notice may reasonably be given, whether such parties be persons interested in their own right, or be such Bodies Corporate, or Persons, as by this Act hereinbefore authorised to contract and convey for themselves, or for persons absent or under disability—which persons so authorised being, in all cases, to be deemed the parties interested in any such lot, for the purposes of this Act—proper notices in writing requiring the parties respectively interested to attend before them in person, or by their Attorney, at the time appointed for the purpose; and, at the time so appointed, shall require the Board of Directors, on their behalf, to nominate one or two Appraisers; and the party or parties interested in each particular lot referred to, to nominate also on his or their part one or two Appraisers, as the said Judges may deem necessary; and the said Judges shall name another Appraiser, and shall, by an order in writing, constitute and appoint the persons so chosen and named to act and be Appraisers of the value or rent, as the case may be, of the several and respective Lots or Parcels of Land by the Petition respectively referred to.

And in case the party or parties collectively interested in any Lot or Parcel of Land so required by the Company, shall fail to attend at the time and place appointed, or shall neglect or refuse to name an Appraiser or Appraisers as aforesaid, or such party or parties, or any of them, shall be absent from the Province, the said Judges shall name a fit and discreet person or persons, as the case may require, to act on behalf of the person, or party or parties so failing to appear, or absent from the Province, or declining or neglecting to make such nomination when called on as aforesaid; and the persons so named and chosen shall, before they enter upon the duties of their appointment, severally subscribe an Affidavit, and make oath before a Judge of a Court of Record, faithfully and impartially to perform the trust and duties so required of them, by the order of the said Judges; which Affidavit, with the said Petition and other Papers in the matter, shall be filed in the Office of the Prothonotary of the said Court at Halifax.

And the said Appraisers or a majority of them shall make a just and equitable valuation and appraisement of the fair and reasonable value in money of the fee simple and inheritance of each several Lot or Parcel of Land, in the said Petition referred to and applied for, or of the just and fair annual rent or gross sum which ought to be paid for a lease thereof, according as the Appraisers shall determine whether it would be most equitable for the Company to acquire the use of the said Lands, by purchasing the fee simple thereof, or by a demise for a term of years only; and shall certify and return their award, appraisement and determination in writing, touching the value, price or rent aforesaid, of each several Lot under their hands, or the hands of the major part of them, into the Office of the said Prothonotary at Halifax. Whereupon, if the Supreme Court there, in term time, or any two Judges thereof in vacation, shall be of opinion that the said award and valuation hath been fairly, equitably and impartially made, and if no sufficient cause shall be shown against such award and valuation, the said Court or Judges shall confirm the same; and thereupon, the said Company shall pay and satisfy, either to the person or persons whom the Court or Judges shall find entitled to receive the same, or into such Bank, or to such Officer as the Court or two Judges may order, the full amount of such award and valuation, together with such costs and expences, as the said Court or two Judges shall deem it reasonable to adjudge to be paid by the said Company, and the receipt of the person or persons, Bank or Officer, appointed to receive the sum awarded, shall be to all intents and purposes a sufficient acquittance and discharge therefor to the said Corporation.

XVI. *And be it further enacted*, That all and singular the provisions of the thirteenth Section of the additional Act aforesaid, with respect to the proceedings touching the appraisement of damages occasioned by the acts of the Company, shall be applicable to, and be observed and in force, with regard to all the proceedings hereby authorised to be taken for vesting Lands in the said Corporation, and as fully as if the said thirteenth Section were herein repeated for that purpose.

XVII. *And be it further enacted*, That immediately upon the payment of the sum awarded