

An Act for the Incorporation of the Elgin and St. Clair Railway Company.

**W**HEREAS a line of Railway is being constructed in the States of Indiana, Illinois and Michigan, having a terminus on the River St. Clair, with the object of obtaining more direct communication than at present exists between the West and East: Preamble.

5 And whereas it is desirable to construct a Tunnel under, or a bridge over the River St. Clair, and a line of Railway in Canada to connect therewith:

And whereas the construction of a line of Railway from some point on the River St. Clair in the Township of Moore, to some   
10 point in the County of Elgin, at or near the Town of St. Thomas, would effect that object and also tend greatly to the development of the resources of the Counties of Elgin, Middlesex, and Lambton:

And whereas Andrew Elliott and others have petitioned for an Act to incorporate a Company to construct such Tunnel or Bridge   
15 and Railway:

And whereas the said Tunnel or Bridge and said line of Railway, as connecting the Western States with the Dominion of Canada, is a work of general advantage to Canada, and it is therefore expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition:

20 Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:

1. For the construction of the said line of Railway, the following   
persons, viz: Andrew Elliott, J. E. Young, W. A. Thomson, A. McKellar, John E. Kitten, R. Eaton, S. Truesdale, Thos. W. Dobbie,   
25 John H. Monroe, Shelton Sturgis, Nicol Kingsmill, together with such other persons as may become Shareholders in the Company, and hereby incorporated, are hereby ordained and declared to be a body corporate under the name of the Elgin and St. Clair Railway Company. Incorporation.

30 2. The Company and their agents and servants shall have full power and authority under this Act to extend, lay out, construct, make and finish a double or single track of Railway of iron or steel at their own costs and charges, of such width or gauge as the   
Company see fit, from a point on the River St. Clair in the Town-   
35 ship of Moore, to some point in the County of Elgin, at or near the Town of St. Thomas, with power to erect, construct, maintain, work and manage a Tunnel for Railway purposes under, or a Bridge over the River St. Clair, from the terminus of their Railway in the Township of Moore, to or near the Village of St. Clair, in   
40 the State of Michigan. Power to make railway, and tunnel or bridge over or under the river St. Clair.

3. It shall be lawful for the said Company to unite with any other Company incorporated or which may be incorporated by the laws of the United States, or any one or more of them, for the purpose of constructing or aiding in the construction of the said Tunnel or Bridge, or with any Railway Company similarly incorporated   
45 To unite with other Companies.