

Transfer of  
Erie and On-  
tario Railroad  
to W. A.  
Thomson.

**21.** Whereas the Corporation of the Town of Niagara, pursuant to the powers and provisions contained in the Act 25 Vic., Cap. 32, intituled, "An Act to enable the Town of Niagara to dispose of its interests in the Erie and Ontario Railroad and for other purposes," by an Indenture dated the tenth day of August, 1863, did grant and convey to William A. Thomson, of the Village of Fort Erie, in the County of Welland, the Erie and Ontario Railroad, together with all and singular the houses, buildings, stations, station ground, rights, ways, franchises, privileges, and appurtenances, of any kind or nature whatsoever to the said Erie and Ontario Railroad or Railroad Company, in anywise appertaining; but subject, nevertheless, to the several provisions, conditions, and agreements, in the said Indenture particularly mentioned and set forth. Be it therefore enacted, that it shall and may be lawful for the Erie and Niagara Railway Company, to acquire by purchase from the said William A. Thomson, or his assigns, the Erie and Ontario Railroad aforesaid, with all and singular its houses, buildings, stations, station ground, rights, ways, franchises and appurtenances. and when so acquired, the same shall be incorporated with the said Erie and Niagara Railway Company, and thereupon the said Erie and Ontario Railroad, with all its franchises and privileges, shall vest in and become part of the Erie and Niagara Railway Company, and that freed and discharged from any equity or right of redemption of the said Erie and Ontario Railroad Company or otherwise whatsoever, but such purchase shall be subject to the same provisions and agreements in favor of the Corporation of the Town of Niagara, which are set forth and contained in the hereinbefore mentioned Indenture of the tenth day of August, 1863, and also subject to the following conditions, that is to say, that nothing herein contained shall confer or permit any rights on any portion of the Great Western Railway; nor shall affect any claims legally valid against the Erie and Ontario Railroad Company in respect of rights of way, whether for temporary or permanent occupation. And it is hereby declared, that the deeds of conveyance from the Corporation of the Town of Niagara to the said William A. Thomson, and from the said William A. Thomson, or his assigns, to the Erie and Niagara Railway Company, may be registered in the Registry Offices of the Counties of Lincoln and Welland, respectively, by the filing of two copies thereof respectively, and the respective Registrars are required to record said deeds respectively, and the production of such deeds or of such registered copies respectively, shall be sufficient evidence without further proof that the Erie and Ontario Railroad hath become vested in, and incorporated with the Erie and Niagara Railway Company.

River front-  
age may be  
acquired.

**22.** The Company shall have full power under this Act to purchase and hold a river frontage, and sufficient depth of land therefrom in the Town of Niagara, for the erection of grain warehouses, docks, station buildings, work shops and offices; also land at the Welland River for a station and grain elevator; also lands and river front on the Niagara River, at Fort Erie, within the limits aforesaid, for docks, elevators, station grounds, and station buildings.

Also, propel-  
lers and sail  
vessels.

**23.** The Company shall have full power under this Act to purchase and hold as part of the property of the said Company, as many propellers and sail vessels as may be required from time to time to carry the grain and other property arriving at Niagara and brought over the whole or part of the said Railway to its Canadian or American destination; also one or more steamboats for passengers and freight between Niagara and Toronto and other ports; also a ferry boat on the Niagara River, at Fort Erie, and a steam tug for the towing of vessels to and