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An Act relating to the Northern Railway Company of Canada.

THEREAS it is expedient to make the provisions herein- Preamble. after contained with respect to the Northern Railway of Canada: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, 5 enacts as follows:

1. Upon, and after the passing of this Act, and by the Northern operation thereof, the Northern Railway of Canada, with all Railway vestthe appurtenances and appliances thereof, whether consisting ed in the of real or personal property, its Rolling Stock and Plant, tain purposes. 10 and all the corporate rights and privileges of the Northern Railway Company of Canada, shall be and are hereby transferred to and vested in the Crown for the following purposes:

1. The Governor in Council may cause the said Railway, Railway to be Rolling Stock and Plant to be put in complete order and put in repair. 15 repair,—and may raise the funds requisite for that purpose by the issue of Provincial Debentures or otherwise; and the sum expended for that purpose up to the time of the sale hereinafter mentioned, shall be added to the claim of the Province on the said Company and Railway, and be a first charge upon the 20 proceeds of such sale;

2. The Governor in Council may cause the Railway to be Railway may worked, either by the intervention of the said Company or by be worked, any other persons or parties; but the surplus of the receipts, &c. after the payment of all expenses of working and keeping the 25 Railway, Stock and Plant in order, and the deduction of six per cent. per annum, on the total amount of the claim of the Province, shall from time to time be paid over to the Company;

3. The said Railway, Appurtenances, appliances, Stock, Railway may 30 Plant, rights and privileges, may on the first day of August be sold. next after the passing of this Act, be sold by Public Auction, in the City of Toronto, after such notice as the Governor in Council may direct; and the proceeds of such sale shall be distributed among the Creditors of the Company, including the 35 Province, in the order of the priority of their respective claims, those of equal rank as to priority being paid pro rate, if there be not enough to pay them in full;