

purposes, at the rate of one dollar an acre, to the extent of 160 acres to each such actual settler; and in any grants to settlers the right to cut timber for railway purposes and rights of way for the railway and stations and workshops shall be reserved. In the meantime, and until the Railway from Esquimalt to Nanaimo shall have been completed, the Government of British Columbia shall be the Agents of the Government of Canada for administering, for the purposes of settlement, the lands in this sub-section mentioned; and for such purposes the Government of British Columbia may make and issue, subject as aforesaid, pre-emption records to actual settlers of the said lands. All moneys received by the Government of British Columbia in respect of such administration shall be paid, as received, into the Bank of British Columbia, to the credit of the Receiver-General of Canada; and such moneys, less expenses incurred (if any) shall, upon the completion of the railway to the satisfaction of the Dominion Government, be paid over to the railway contractors.

(g) The Government of Canada shall forthwith take over and seek the authority of Parliament to purchase and complete, and shall, upon the completion thereof, operate as a Dominion work, the dry dock at Esquimalt; and shall be entitled to and have conveyed to them all the lands, approaches, and plant belonging thereto, together with the Imperial appropriation therefor, and shall pay to the Province as the price thereof the sum of \$250,000; and shall further pay to the Province whatever amounts shall have been expended by the Provincial Government or which remain due up to the time of the passing of this Act, for work, or material supplied by the Government of British Columbia since the 27th day of June, 1882.

(h) The Government of Canada shall, with all convenient speed, offer for sale the lands within the railway belt upon the mainland on liberal terms to actual settlers; and

(i) Shall give persons who have squatted on any of the said lands, within the railway belt on the mainland, prior to the passing of this Act and who have made substantial improvements thereon, a prior right of purchasing the lands so improved at the rates charged to settlers generally.

(k) This agreement is to be taken by the Province in full of all claims up to this date by the Province against the Dominion, in respect of delays in the commencement and construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and in respect of the non-construction of the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway, and shall be taken by the Dominion Government in satisfaction of all claims for additional lands under the terms of Union, but shall not be binding unless and until the same shall have been ratified by the Parliament of Canada and the Legislature of British Columbia.

And whereas, it is expedient that the said agreement should be ratified, and that provision should be made to carry out the terms thereof;

Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, enacts as follows:

1. The hereinbefore recited agreement shall be and is hereby ratified and adopted.

2. Section 1 of the Act of the Legislature of British Columbia, No. 11, of 1880, intituled: "An Act to authorize the grant of certain public lands on the mainland of British Columbia to the Government of the Dominion of Canada for Canadian Pacific Railway purposes," is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

From and after the passing of this Act there shall be, and there is hereby granted to the Dominion Government for the purpose of constructing and to aid in the construction of the portion of the Canadian Pacific Railway on the mainland of British Columbia, in trust, to be appropriated as the Dominion Government may deem advisable, the public lands along the line of the railway before mentioned, wherever it may be finally located, to a width of 20 miles on each side of the said line as provided in the Order in Council, section 11, admitting the Province of British Columbia into Confederation; but nothing in this section contained, shall prejudice the right of the Province to receive and be paid by the Dominion Government the sum of \$100,000 per annum, in half yearly payments in advance, in consideration of