

them, or any part or parts thereof, then for that purpose the Directors may issue Consolidated Debenture Stock of the Company to such amounts as they deem expedient not exceeding in the aggregate the rate of \$20,000 per mile thereof, and at the same rate for any portion of a mile, bearing interest at the rate of four per cent. per annum, payable at the times and places and in the same manner as on the stock heretofore issued, provided that if the Company issue bonds creating a lien on the said railways or any portion or portions thereof, then the amount of Consolidated Debenture Stock which may be issued as aforesaid in respect thereof shall be diminished to the extent of the amount of such bonds.

A lease in perpetuity of the Columbia and Western Railway to this Company of its property and franchises, referred to in the Annual Report, was submitted and explained, and on motion of John Morrison, Esq., seconded by Sir Sandford Fleming, it was unanimously
Resolved,

That the lease now submitted to this meeting dated 12th July, 1898, whereby the Columbia and Western Railway Company demises in perpetuity to this Company with the option of purchase, the lessor's railway from Rossland to Midway in British Columbia by the route therein described, and the branches therefrom whether constructed or to be constructed, be and the same is hereby approved, ratified and confirmed ; the yearly rental being an amount equal to the interest on the capital of such bonds as the lessor may from time to time issue, such capital not at any time to exceed the maximum limit of thirty-five thousand dollars for each mile of the said demised railway and branches which shall then have been completed, or be under contract to be completed, and such interest, not exceeding five per cent. per annum payable half-yearly, to be guaranteed by this Company, by way of rental.