

What lands
may be
granted to
company.

23. The lands referred to in the contract out of which selection may be made shall be such lands only as are at the disposal of the Government at the time of selection.

Opening of
railway.

24. Notwithstanding anything contained in *The Railway Act*, so soon as the said railway, or any portion thereof, has been made fit for regular and efficient operation as mentioned in clause one of the said contract, although the whole work is not fully completed, the said railway or portion thereof may, with the sanction of the Minister of Railways and Canals, be opened for public conveyance of passengers. 5 10

Discrimina-
tion forbidden

25. Neither the contractors under the said contract, nor the Company, shall, in operating the said railway, or any railway constructed by the Company, discriminate between customers, or intending customers, whether by discriminating rates or treatment, or by means of steamships or other connections, or otherwise. 15

SCHEDULE.

THIS contract made the twenty-fifth day of January, A.D. 1898, between Her Majesty the Queen, herein represented by the Honourable A. G. Blair, Minister of Railways and Canals, and the Honourable Clifford Sifton, Minister of the Interior, Canada, hereinafter called the Government of the first part, and William Mackenzie, of Toronto, contractor, and Donald D. Mann, of Montreal, contractor, and hereinafter called the contractors of the second part, witnesseth as follows :—

1. The contractors covenant with the Government to lay out, construct, equip and fully complete a line of railway with proper terminal facilities from the navigable waters of the Stikine River in British Columbia at or near the mouth of Telegraph Creek, Glenora, or the mouth of Clearwater River, thence running northward to the navigable waters of Teslin Lake, a distance of about one hundred and fifty miles more or less, on or before the first day of September, A.D. 1898, the said railway when fully completed, to be of the general standard and gauge of the Kaslo and Slocan Railway in British Columbia and according to the specifications to be approved by the Minister of Railways; provided also, that the said railway shall be the property of the contractors but shall be subject to inspection and approval by an engineer to be named by the Minister of Railways and Canals before being accepted as complete by the Government; provided further, that for the purposes of the season of 1898 and of complying with the requirements of this contract in respect to the completion of the line on or before the said first of September it shall be sufficient if on or before that date the contractors have the rails laid in such manner as will permit of regular and efficient operation of the railway although the whole work be not fully completed, and if the said railway be sufficiently equipped for such operation. Provided also, that the location of said railway between the points mentioned shall be such as the contractors may decide upon without filing plans thereof prior to completion, provided that the grant of land hereby contracted