

otherwise the said Act, and every matter and thing therein contained shall cease and be utterly void; and the said railroad shall be completed and fit for public use within twenty years (a) from the passing of this Act, otherwise this Act shall cease to have force and effect with regard to such parts of the said railroad as shall not then be completed, but shall remain in force with regard to such parts of it as shall then be completed and in use.

Limitation of actions.

32. And be it enacted, That if any action or suit shall be brought against any person or persons for any matter or thing done in pursuance of this Act, such action or suit shall be brought within six calendar months (b) after the fact committed, and not afterwards, and the defendant or defendants in such action or suit may plead the general issue, and give this Act and the special matters in evidence on the trial.

Public Act.

33. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be deemed and taken to be a public Act, and as such shall be judicially noticed by all judges, justices of the peace and other persons without being specially pleaded.

The Legislature may alter or amend this Act.

34. And be it enacted, That notwithstanding the privileges hereby granted and confirmed, the Legislature may at any time hereafter make such addition to this Act, or such alterations of any of the provisions thereof as they may think fit and proper for affording just protection to the public, or to any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate in respect to their estate, property or rights, or any interest therein, or any advantage, privilege or convenience connected therewith, or in respect to any way or right, public or private, that may be affected by any of the powers given by this Act.

After a certain time company may extend their line of road.

35. And be it enacted, That the company by this Act incorporated, may at any time within ten years from the day of the passing of this Act, extend their line of railway from the said town of Peterborough to any point on Chemong Lake in the Colborne District.

First giving thirty days' notice of their intention so to extend the same.

36. And be it enacted, That if the said company shall determine to extend their line of road as provided for in the foregoing section, they shall cause thirty days' public notice to be given in all the newspapers printed and published in the town of Peterborough, of such intention, and the line of road shall be thereupon considered to be extended accordingly; and all the clauses, provisions and enactments of this Act shall thereupon be held to be extended to such increased line as fully to all intents and purposes as though the same had been originally included in the route of the said road.

(a) Further extended by 29 & 30 Vict., c. 99, s. 1, p. 40, for five years, from 15th August, 1866.

(b) See C. S. C. c. 66, s. 83, p. 101.