

XIV. And be it enacted, That the said Commission-
 ers of Public Works, with the consent of the Governor in
 Council, shall have full power to treat and agree with the
 Montreal and Lachine Rail-road Company, or the St.
 Lawrence and Atlantic Rail-road Company, for the pur-
 chase or use of the whole or any part of their respective
 Rail-roads, rights and property, which it may be found
 expedient to adopt as part of the said Main Trunk Line
 of Railway, and to pay such sum as may be agreed upon,
 to either of the said Companies as compensation for any
 such Rail-road or portion thereof, rights or property, out
 of any moneys which might be applied to making part of
 the said Main Trunk Line of Railway at the same place;
 and the Directors of the said Companies respectively
 shall have full power and authority to treat and agree
 with the said Commissioners of Public Works for any of
 the purposes aforesaid, and to receive the compensation
 that may be agreed upon, and to give a valid discharge
 for the same, and to surrender and convey to Her Ma-
 jesty for the public uses of the Province such Rail-road,
 or part thereof, rights or property as aforesaid, which
 shall hereafter be vested in Her Majesty for the uses
 aforesaid: Provided always, that nothing herein con-
 tained shall be construed to affect or impair any right now
 vested in Her Majesty to take the said Rail-roads, or
 either of them, or any of the rights or property of the
 said Companies, or either of them, under any Act incor-
 porating such Company or amending the Act incorpo-
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Proviso.

XV. And be it enacted, That if it be found to be im-
 practicable to raise the funds for constructing the said Main
 Trunk Line of Railway, in any of the modes hereinbefore
 mentioned, then the Governor of this Province may
 by Proclamation declare that the same may be under-
 taken by any Private Companies thereunto authorized by
 the Legislature, and any Company in whose Act of In-
 corporation a clause may have been inserted suspending
 its operation until the Governor should issue a Procla-
 mation declaring it in force, shall, by the issuing of such
 Proclamation, receive authority to commence its opera-
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XVI. And whereas although it is highly desirable to
 afford every possible encouragement to the construction
 of Railways in all parts of the Country, yet for the pur-
 pose of confining the liabilities of the Province within
 proper limits, and at the same time ensuring effectual aid
 to those undertakings which are most necessary to its
 progress and development, it is expedient to restrict the
 provisions of the Railway Guarantee Act herein before
 cited, in the manner hereinafter provided: Be it therefore
 enacted, that the guarantee offered by the said Act, and all
 the provisions of the said Act relative to such guarantee,

Recital.

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