

An Act respecting the British Columbia Southern  
Railway Company.

**W**HEREAS the British Columbia Southern Railway Com- Preamble.  
pany has, by its petition, prayed that it be enacted as  
hereinafter set forth, and it is expedient to grant the prayer  
of the said petition: Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the  
5 advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of  
Canada, enacts as follows:—

**1.** The British Columbia Southern Railway Company, here- Time extended  
inafter called “the Company,” may complete the Eastern for completion  
section of its railway, namely, that portion thereof commencing of eastern  
10 at the junction of Summit Creek with Michel Creek, thence section.  
by way of Michel Creek to Elk River and the Upper Kootenay  
River, with power to go to the forty-ninth parallel and the  
Tobacco Plains, or any portion thereof, within five years after  
the passing of this Act; provided that as to so much thereof  
15 as is not completed within that period the powers of the  
Company shall cease and determine.

**2.** The Company may construct, acquire and operate a Connecting  
railway between a point on its line of railway in the neigh- line  
bourhood of Fort Steele and a point at or near Golden on the authorized.  
20 Canadian Pacific Railway, by a route having the same general  
direction as the valleys of the Columbia and Kootenay Rivers,  
and a railway from its main line at a point about thirty-six  
miles west of the eastern boundary of British Columbia, thence  
southerly and easterly not exceeding ten miles, and such other  
25 branch lines from the Company's main line, not exceeding in  
any one case thirty miles in length, as are from time to time  
authorized by the Governor-in-Council.

**3.** The said last mentioned railway shall be commenced Time for  
within two years, and completed within five years after the construction  
30 passing of this Act, otherwise the powers hereby granted for limited.  
the construction thereof shall cease and be null and void as  
respects so much of it as remains uncompleted at the end of  
the said five years.