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3rd Session, 8th Parliament, 61 Victoria, 1898

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**BILL.**

An Act respecting the Montfort Colonization Railway Company and to change its name to the Montfort and Gatineau Colonization Railway Company.

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First reading, March 11th, 1898.

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(PRIVATE BILL.)

Mr. BOURASSA.

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Act Act respecting the Montfort Colonization Railway Company, and to change its name to the Montfort and Gatineau Colonization Railway Company.

**WHEREAS** the Montfort Colonization Railway Company Preamble.  
 has, by its petition, represented that it was incorporated  
 by an Act of the legislature of the province of Quebec, being Que. 1890,  
 chapter 107 of the statutes of 1890 (53 Victoria); and has c. 107.  
 5 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 advice and consent of the Senate  
 and House of Commons of Canada, declares and enacts as  
 follows:—

- 10 **1.** The name of the Montfort Colonization Railway Com- Name  
 pany, hereinafter called “the Company,” is hereby changed changed.  
 to the “Montfort and Gatineau Colonization Railway Com-  
 pany,” but such change in name shall not in any way impair,  
 alter or affect the rights or liabilities of the Company, nor in  
 15 any wise affect any suit or proceeding now pending or judg-  
 ment existing either by or in favour of, or against the Com-  
 pany, which, notwithstanding such change in the name of  
 the Company, may be prosecuted or continued, completed  
 and enforced as if this Act had not been passed.
- 20 **2.** The undertaking of the Company is hereby declared to Declaratory.  
 be a work for the general advantage of Canada.
- 3.** The head office of the Company shall be in the city of Head office.  
 Montreal, in the province of Quebec, or such other place in  
 Canada as the directors shall from time to time by by-law  
 25 determine.
- 4.** The works which the Company is, by its Act of incorpora- Works of  
 tion, authorized to lay out, construct and operate, are as fol- Company.  
 lows, namely: “An ordinary or a narrow-gauge railway, and Railway.  
 also a telegraph line along the road, from a point on the line Telegraph  
 of the Canadian Pacific Railway or the Montreal and Occi- line.  
 30 dental Railway either from Lachute, St. Jérôme or St.  
 Sauveur or near the said localities to Montfort, in the town-  
 ship of Wentworth, and for continuing the said railway to a  
 point on the Rivière Rouge, in the township of Arundel”; and  
 the Company is hereby authorized to extend the said railway  
 35 from the actual terminus at the Rivière Rouge to some point on

- the Ottawa and Gatineau Valley Railway in the county of Wright, and, to make connection with the said railway, passing through the counties of Argenteuil, Labelle and Wright ; to construct branch lines ; and also with power to acquire, charter and use steam and other vessels upon Seize Iles and Simon Lakes, the du Lièvre River, Poissons Blancs Lake and Grand Lake or Trente et Un Milles Lake, which are situated along the line of the said railway in the counties of Argenteuil, Labelle and Wright, and also to construct and put in operation a telegraph line along the said extension. 5 10
- Branch lines.**
- Vessels.**
- Telegraph line.**
- Powers under provincial incorporation confirmed.**
- 1888, c. 29.**
- Annual meeting.**
- Amount of bonds, etc., limited.**
- Vessels.**
- Agreements with other companies.**
- Approval of shareholders and Governor in Council.**
- Notice of application for sanction.**
- 5.** The Company is hereby declared to have all the rights, powers, privileges, immunities and authority conferred upon it by the said Act of Quebec, but without affecting any debts, obligations, or liabilities of the Company, or rights in litigation in any action or suit now pending before the courts of the province of Quebec, but *The Railway Act* of Canada shall apply to the Company instead of the laws relating to railways in force in the province of Quebec. 15
- 6.** The annual meeting of the Company shall be held on the second Tuesday in March in each year. 20
- 7.** The Company may issue bonds, debentures or other securities to the extent of fifteen thousand dollars per mile of its railway and branches ; and such bonds, debentures or other securities may be issued only in proportion to the length of the railway constructed or under contract to be constructed. 25
- 8.** The Company may construct, acquire, navigate and dispose of steam and other vessels upon all navigable waters upon and near the line of the said railway.
- 9.** The Company may enter into an agreement with the Canadian Pacific Railway Company and any other railway company for conveying or leasing to such companies the railway of the Company hereby incorporated, in whole or in part or any rights or powers acquired under this Act, as also the franchises, surveys, plans, works, plant, material, machinery and other property to it belonging or for an amalgamation with such company, on such terms and conditions as are agreed upon, and subject to such restrictions as to the directors seem fit ; provided that such agreement has been first approved by two-thirds of the votes at a special general meeting of the shareholders duly called for the purpose of considering the same, at which meeting shareholders representing at least two-thirds in value of the stock are present or represented by proxy, and that such agreement has also received the sanction of the Governor in Council. 30 35 40
- 2.** Such sanction shall not be signified until after due notice of the proposed application therefor has been published in the manner and for the time set forth in section 239 of *The Railway Act* and also for a like period in one newspaper in each of the electoral districts through which the railway of the Company runs, and in which a newspaper is published. 45 50

**10.** Notwithstanding anything contained in the above mentioned Act of Quebec, the time fixed for the completion of the railway authorized by the said Act is hereby extended for seven years from the passing of this Act, and the line of railway authorized by this Act shall be commenced within three years and be completed within seven years from the passing of this Act, and if the said railway is not so commenced and completed, then the powers relating to its construction shall cease and be null and void as respects so much of the railway as then remains uncompleted.