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An Act to incorporate the Gaspé Shore  
Line Railway Company.

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First reading, March 7, 1900.

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(PRIVATE BILL.)

MR. LEMIEUX.

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An Act to incorporate the Gaspé Short Line Railway Company.

**W**HEREAS a petition has been presented praying that it Preamble.  
 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  
 5 and House of Commons of Canada, declares and enacts as  
 follows :—

1. The Honourable Spencer Hanbury and Henry Higgins, Incorporation.  
 both of the city of London, England, Louis Zephirin Joncas,  
 of the city of Quebec, Charles Buttle Knowlton Carpenter, of  
 10 Gaspé Basin, in the county of Gaspé, and Joseph Xenophon  
 Lavoie, of Percé, in the said county of Gaspé, together with  
 such persons as become shareholders in the company, are  
 hereby incorporated under the name of "The Gaspé Short Line Corporate  
 Railway Company," hereinafter called "the Company." name.
- 15 2. The undertaking of the Company is hereby declared to Declaratory.  
 be a work for the general advantage of Canada.
3. The persons named in section 1 of this Act are hereby Provisional  
 constituted provisional directors of the Company. directors.
4. The capital stock of the Company shall be five hundred Capital stock.  
 20 thousand dollars, and may be called up by the directors from  
 time to time as they deem necessary, but no one call shall  
 exceed ten per cent on the shares subscribed.
5. The head office of the Company shall be at Gaspé Basin, Head office.  
 in the county of Gaspé [or in such other place in Canada as is  
 25 fixed by by-law.]
6. The annual meeting of the shareholders shall be held on Annual  
 the first Saturday in July in each year. meeting.
7. At such meeting the subscribers for the capital stock Election of  
 assembled, who have paid all calls due on their shares, shall directors.  
 30 choose five persons to be directors of the Company, one or more  
 of whom may be paid directors.
8. [Notwithstanding anything contained in sections 40 and General  
 41 of *The Railway Act* general meetings of the shareholders, meetings.  
 whether annual or special, may be held at such place in Canada 1888, c. 29.  
 35 and on such day and at such hour as are named in the notice

calling such meeting, and such notice shall be published weekly for two consecutive weeks in *The Canada Gazette* and in a newspaper published in the city of Quebec.]

Line of railway described.

9. The Company may lay out, construct and operate a railway of the gauge of four feet eight and one half inches, from a point at or near Gaspé Basin in the county of Gaspé, following the valley of the York river for a distance of about thirty miles, thence through the interior of the Gaspé peninsula, to a point on the Intercolonial Railway, north of Causapséal, in the county of Rimouski, with branch lines to Paspébiac or to any point on the line of railway of the Baie des Chaleurs Railway Company.

Branch lines.

Telegraph and telephone lines.

10. The Company may construct and operate telegraph and telephone lines along the whole length of its railway and branches, and may establish offices for the transmission of messages for the public, and collect tolls for so doing; and for the purposes of operating such telegraph and telephone lines the Company may enter into a contract with any other company, or may lease the Company's lines or any part thereof; and may connect its lines with the lines of any other telegraph or telephone company.

Arrangements with telegraph and telephone companies.

2. The Company may enter into arrangements with any other telegraph or telephone company for the exchange and transmission of messages, or for the working in whole or in part of the lines of the Company.

Rates to be approved.

3. No rates or charges shall be demanded or taken from any person for the transmission of any message by telegraph or telephone, or for leasing or using the telegraphs or telephones of the Company, until such rates or charges have been approved of by the Governor in Council, and such rates may, from time to time, be revised by the Governor in Council.

R.S.C., c. 132.

4. *The Electric Telegraph Companies Act* shall apply to the telegraphic business of the Company.

Powers of Company. Electricity.

11. The Company may,—

(a) manufacture, furnish, use and sell light, heat and motive power generated from electricity, and construct, acquire, work or carry on lines of wire, tubes or other apparatus for conducting electricity either by land or water;

Lands and plant for electric power.

(b) acquire lands, water courses and water powers, and erect, use and manage works, machinery and plant for the generation, transmission and distribution of electrical power and energy;

Powerhouses.

(c) build power houses and stations for the development of electrical force and energy, and acquire the factories or stations of other like companies, or lease their works, equipments, appurtenances and power;

Patent rights.

(d) acquire any exclusive rights in letters patent, franchises or patent rights for the purposes of the works and undertakings hereby authorized, and again dispose of such rights;

Vessels.

(e) construct, acquire, navigate, use and dispose of steam and other vessels, in connection with the said railway and to bring traffic thereto, enter into agreements with owners of steam and other vessels for such purposes, and carry on the business of transportation of goods by water, and of warehousemen generally;

Transportation.

- (f) construct, acquire, maintain, operate and dispose of Pulp. factories, mills, waterworks and workshops for the manufacturing of pulp and pulpwood, and of lumber, along the line of the said railway ;
- 5 (g) acquire, hold, use and dispose of lands, timber limits, Lands and mining rights. mining lands, mining rights and other property of a like nature, and improve, manage, develop, lease, mortgage, dispose of or turn to account the same ;
- (h) establish and carry on fisheries and fishing industries, Fisheries.
- 10 and the operations and business incidental thereto ;
- (i) construct and operate, or aid in and subscribe towards Tramways, elevators, etc. the construction, operation, maintenance and improvement of tramways, docks, piers, viaducts, flumes, ditches, mills, elevators or other buildings and works which may be deemed
- 15 necessary or convenient for the purposes of the Company.
12. The Company may issue bonds or other securities to the Bond issue extent of twenty thousand dollars per mile of the railway and limited. branches, and such bonds, debentures or other securities may be issued only in proportion to the length of railway constructed or under contract to be constructed.
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13. The directors, under the authority of a resolution of Borrowing the shareholders passed at the first general meeting of the powers. shareholders, or at any special meeting called for that purpose, or at any annual meeting at which shareholders representing at
- 25 least two-thirds in value of the issued capital stock of the Company are present or represented by proxy, may from time to time, at their discretion, borrow money for the purposes of the Company, and may issue bonds or debentures in respect of the same, and secure the repayment of the said moneys in such
- 30 manner and upon such terms and conditions as they see fit, and for this purpose may mortgage, pledge, hypothecate, or charge any of the assets and property of the Company other than the railway.
14. The Company may acquire and operate all or any part Power to of the railways of the Baie des Chaleurs Railway Company acquire rail- ways of other companies. and the Atlantic and Lake Superior Railway Company, and also the capital stock, bonds, rights, franchises, powers, privileges and property thereof, or any part thereof, in such manner and upon such terms and conditions as the directors deem ex-
- 40 pedient under the authority of the shareholders given at any special general meeting duly called for the purpose, at which meeting shareholders representing at least two-thirds in value of the subscribed stock of the Company are present or represented by proxy.
- 45 2. The Company may, with reference to the said railways, or any parts thereof so purchased, as well as all other rights, franchises, powers, privileges and property acquired in connection therewith, exercise in the name of the Company, in addition to all the other rights, franchises, powers and privileges
- 50 conferred upon the Company by *The Railway Act* and the special Acts relating thereto, all the rights, franchises, powers and privileges conferred upon the Baie des Chaleurs Railway Company and the Atlantic and Lake Superior Railway Company by any of their special Acts.

Agreement  
with the  
Government.

**15.** The Company may enter into an agreement with the Government of Canada for conveying or leasing to the said government the railway of the Company, 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, on such terms and conditions as are agreed upon, and subject to such restrictions as to the directors seem fit; provided that such an 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 it,—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. 5

Approval of  
shareholders  
and Governor  
in Council.

Notice of  
application  
for sanction.

**2.** Such sanction shall not be signified until after 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 counties through which the railway runs and in which a newspaper is published. 15 20

Agreement  
to be filed.

**3.** A duplicate of the agreement referred to in subsection 1 of this section, duly ratified and approved, shall, within thirty days after its execution, be filed in the office of the Secretary of State of Canada, and notice thereof shall be given by the Company in *The Canada Gazette*, and the production of *The Canada Gazette* containing such notice shall be prima facie evidence of the requirements of this Act having been complied with. 25