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**BILL.**

An Act to incorporate the Quebec  
Southern Railway Company.

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First reading, March 9, 1900.

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(PRIVATE BILL.)

**MR. BERNIER.**

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An Act to incorporate the Quebec Southern Railway Company.

**W**HEREAS the franchise, railway and property of the United Counties Railway Company, a corporation existing under the jurisdiction of the Parliament of Canada, have been sold by the Sheriff of the District of St. Hyacinthe, under an execution issued at the instance of Arthur Ledoux, the judgment creditor, the said sale having been duly made upon the twenty-fifth day of January, one thousand nine hundred; and whereas George Casimir Dessaulles, of the city of St. Hyacinthe, became the purchaser and *adjudicataire* of the franchise, railway and property so sold and adjudged by the Sheriff of the District of St. Hyacinthe as aforesaid; and whereas the said purchaser bought and became vested with the said property for the purpose of holding, maintaining and operating the said railway, its property and appurtenances; and whereas it is expedient to incorporate a company with all the powers and privileges necessary for the said purpose; and whereas a petition has been presented praying 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, enacts as follows:—

**1.** Frank D. White and Hiram A. Hodge, of Rutland, in the State of Vermont, one of the United States, George Casimir Dessaulles, of the city of St. Hyacinthe, and G. Hugh Semple, of the city and District of Montreal, in the Province of Quebec, together with such persons as become shareholders in the Company, are hereby incorporated under the name of "The Quebec Southern Railway Company," hereinafter called "the Company."

**2.** Frank D. White, Hiram A. Hodge, George C. Dessaulles and G. Hugh Semple are hereby constituted provisional directors of the Company.

**3.** The capital stock of the Company shall be one million dollars, and may be increased, from time to time, to five million dollars by a vote of the majority in value of the shareholders present or represented by proxy at any meeting convened for that purpose.

Preamble.

Incorporation.

Corporate name.

Provisional directors.

Capital stock

Increase of capital.

- Head office. 4. The head office of the Company shall be in the city of St. Hyacinthe, but may be changed to any other place in Canada, as the directors, from time to time, determine by by-law.
- Annual meeting. 5. The annual meeting of the shareholders shall be held [at such time and place as the directors may determine by by-law]. 5
- Election of directors. 6. At such meeting the subscribers for the capital stock assembled, who have paid all calls due on their shares, shall choose five persons to be directors of the Company, one or more of whom may be paid directors. 10
- Power to acquire United Counties Railway. 7. The Company may acquire the railway of the United Counties Railway Company mentioned in the preamble, namely, a line of railway of standard gauge, commencing at the town of Sorel, in the county of Richelieu, in the Province of Quebec, thence passing through the parishes of Sorel, St. Robert, St. Aimé and St. Louis, in the county of Richelieu; thence by St. Jude, St. Barnabé, St. Hyacinthe the Confessor, the city of St. Hyacinthe, and the parishes of St. Hyacinthe and St. Damase, in the county of St. Hyacinthe; thence by Rougemont and St. Angèle, in the county of Rouville; thence by St. Grégoire to the town of Iberville, in the county of Iberville, together with the rights, privileges and property of the said railway. 15
- Lines of railway described. 8. The Company may lay out, construct and operate railways of the gauge of four feet eight and one-half inches, as follows:—  
 (a) Commencing at the said town of Iberville, thence through the parishes of St. Athanase, St. Anne de Sabrevois and St. George de Henryville, in the county of Iberville; thence by the parishes of St. George de Clarenceville and of St. Thomas, both in the county of Missisquoi, to a point on the eastern bank of the Richelieu River, in the said parish of St. Thomas, opposite or nearly opposite to the village of Lacolle, in the county of St. Johns; 30  
 (b) Commencing at a point at or near the village of Lacolle on the western bank of the Richelieu River; thence through the counties of St. Johns, Napierville, Laprairie and Beauharnois, to a point at or near the town of Valleyfield, in the county of Beauharnois; thence by means of a bridge across the River St. Lawrence, at or near the said town of Valleyfield, to a point on the northern bank of the River St. Lawrence. 35
- Power to acquire franchises of East Richelieu Valley Railway. 9. The Company may acquire the charter, privileges and franchises of the East Richelieu Valley Railway Company as far as the international boundary line, and may, subject to authorization from the competent authorities, build a bridge over the Richelieu River at or near the southern end of the said East Richelieu Valley Railway between St. Johns and the international boundary line. 45
- Branch lines. 10. The Company may build any branch lines which it deems necessary for the working of its main line, but none of such branch lines shall exceed fifteen miles in length. 50

- [12. The directors may issue as paid up stock, shares in the Company, whether subscribed for or not, and may issue bonds, and may allot and hand over such stock, and the mortgage bonds of the Company, in payment for any line of railway which the Company is hereby authorised to acquire, and in payment for right of way, plant, rolling stock, or materials of any kind, and also for the services of employees, contractors and other persons, who have been, are, or may be engaged in promoting the undertaking and the interests of the Company].
- 10 13. The Company may issue bonds, debentures or other securities to the extent of twenty thousand dollars per mile of the railway and 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.
- 15 14. The Company may enter into agreements with the Canada Atlantic Railway Company, the Rutland and Noyan Railway Company, the Rutland and Canadian Railway Company, the Rutland Railroad Company, or the Delaware and Hudson Railroad Company, for conveying or leasing to such company 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, 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 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.
- 20 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 of the company runs and in which the newspaper is published.
- 25 3. A duplicate of the agreement referred to in subsection 1 of this section, 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.
- 30 15. The Company may acquire land for warehouses and elevators and erect buildings thereon, and may acquire and control such steam and other vessels as the directors deem requisite for ferrying across the rivers St. Lawrence and Richelieu.

Issue of paid up stock and bonds.

Bond issue limited.

Agreement with another company.

Approval of shareholders and Governor in Council.

Notice of application for sanction.

Agreement to be filed.

Land for warehouses, etc. Vessels.