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An Act respecting the Columbia and Western  
Railway Company.

**W**HEREAS the Columbia and Western Railway Company Preamble.  
has, by its petition, represented that it was incorporated  
by an Act of the legislature of the province of British B.C., 1896,  
Columbia, being chapter 54 of the statutes of 1896, and has c. 54.  
5 prayed that its railway and undertaking be declared to be a  
work for the general advantage of Canada, and that certain  
additional powers as hereinafter set forth be conferred upon  
the said company, and it is expedient to grant the prayer of  
the said petition : Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the  
10 advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of  
Canada, declares and enacts as follows :—

1. In this Act the expression “the Company” means the Declaratory.  
body corporate and politic heretofore created by the Act  
mentioned in the preamble under the name of the Columbia  
15 and Western Railway Company; and the works which the  
Company by its said Act of incorporation is empowered to  
undertake and operate are hereby declared to be works for  
the general advantage of Canada.

2. Nothing herein contained shall be construed in any way Provincial  
20 to affect or render inoperative any of the provisions of the  
said Act of incorporation which authorized the Company to  
undertake, own and operate the said works as aforesaid ; but  
works to be  
subject to  
Parliament.  
hereafter the same shall be subject to the legislative authority  
of the Parliament of Canada, and the provisions of *The*  
25 *Railway Act*.

3. The said works of the Company, or any part thereof, Agreement  
may be leased or sold to the Canadian Pacific Railway Com-  
pany or to any other company which the Governor in Council  
may approve of, on such terms and conditions as are agreed  
30 upon between the directors of the two companies; provided  
that such lease or sale has been first sanctioned by the consent  
of every shareholder of the Company, and by the  
Governor in Council; or failing such consent of every share-  
holder, then by two-thirds of the votes of the shareholders pre-  
sent or represented by proxy at a special general meeting duly  
called for the purpose, and by the approval of the Governor in  
Council, after notice of the proposed application therefor has  
been published in the *Canada Gazette*, and also in a newspaper  
published at Vancouver, in British Columbia, for at least four  
40 weeks previous to the hearing of such application. Approval of  
shareholders  
and Governor  
in Council.  
Notice of  
application  
for sanction.

Head office.

4. The head office of the Company shall be in the city of Montreal, or such other place as may be from time to time determined by by-law.

Time for construction limited.

5. The Company shall complete the railways which it is authorized to construct, within five years from the passing of this Act, otherwise its right to construct the same shall cease as to the portion then unconstructed. 5

Power of Parliament as to future legislation.

6. Any Act hereafter passed for the purpose of controlling railway companies incorporated by or subject to Parliament as to the issuing of stock or bonds, and as to rates or tolls and the regulation thereof, and as to running powers over or other rights in connection with the railway of any company by any other company, and the exercise of powers conferred upon railway companies, shall apply to the Company from the time such Act goes into effect; but this section shall not be construed to imply that such Act would not apply to the Company without the enactment of this section. 10 15