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3rd Session, 5th Parliament. 20 Victoria, 1857.

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(PRIVATE BILL.)

**BILL.**

An Act to authorize the construction of a line of Railway from some point on the Southern Line of Railway near Otterville, Norwichville, or Tilsonburg, through Brantford, to some point on the Great Western Railway.

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MR. CHRISTIE.

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## An Act to incorporate the Brantford and Otterville Railway Company.

**W**HEREAS the persons hereinafter named and divers others have petitioned that an Act be passed to authorize the construction of a Railway from some point on the Great Southern Railway near Otterville, through the Towns of Brantford to such point on the Great Western Railway as may be found most suitable and convenient; And whereas the construction of such Railway will conduce materially to the welfare of the inhabitants residing along the line, as well as to the prosperity of the surrounding country; Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows:

Preamble.

I. Such person or persons, corporations and municipalities as shall, under the provisions of this Act, become shareholders in the Company hereby incorporated, shall be, and are hereby ordained, constituted and declared to be a body corporate and politic, by and under the name of "The Brantford and Otterville Railway Company."

Company incorporated.

Name.

II. The several clauses of the Railway Clauses Consolidation Act with respect to the first, second, third and fourth clauses thereof, and also the several clauses of the said last mentioned Act with respect to "Interpretation," "Incorporation," "Powers," "Plans and Surveys," "Lands and their Valuation," "Highways and Bridges," "Fences," "Tolls," "General Meetings," "Directors, their election and Duties," "Shares and their Transfer," "Municipalities," "Shareholders," "Actions for Indemnity, and fines and penalties, and their prosecution," "Working of the Railway," and "General Provisions," shall be incorporated with this Act, and shall accordingly apply to the said Company and the said Railway, except only in so far as it may be inconsistent with the express enactments hereof; and the expression "this Act," when used herein shall be understood to include the provisions of the Railway Clauses Consolidation Act which are incorporated with this Act as aforesaid.

Certain provisions of 14, 15 V., c. 51, incorporated with this Act.

III. The said Company and their servants and agents, shall have full power under this Act to lay out and construct, make and finish, a double or single Iron Railway or road at their own cost and charges, on and over any part of the Country lying between the line of the Great Southern Railway at or near Otterville, and the Great Western Railway, passing through Brantford.

Line of the Railway.

IV. Deeds and conveyances under this Act, for the lands to be conveyed to the said Company for the purposes of this Act, shall and may, as far as the title to the said lands, or the circumstances of the parties making such conveyance will admit, be made in the form given in the Schedule to this Act marked A, and all registrars are hereby required to register

Form of conveyances to the Company

in their registry books such deeds, on the production thereof and proof of execution, without any memorial, and to minute every such entry on the deed; the said Company are to pay the Registrar for so doing the sum of *two shillings and sixpence*, and no more.

Fee for registering.

V. From and after the passing of this Act, George S. Wilkes, Gilbert Moore, Allen Cleghorn, James Barr, David Christie, and Thomas Perrin, Jr., shall be Provisional Directors of the said Company for carrying into effect the object and purposes of this Act. 5

Filling vacancies among Provisional Directors.

VI. It shall and may be lawful for the Provisional Directors for the time being of the said Company, or a majority of them, to supply the place or places of any of their number from time to time dying, or declining to act as such provisional Director or Directors, out of the several owners of stock in their said Railway to the amount of at least two hundred and fifty pounds Provincial currency each, during the period of their continuance in office; and such provisional Directors, except as hereinafter is excepted, shall be and they are hereby invested with all the powers, rights, privileges and indemnities, and they shall be and they are hereby made subject unto the like restrictions, as the elected Directors of the said Company, upon their being elected by the stockholders of the said Company as hereinafter provided, would under the provisions of the Railway Clauses Consolidation Act, and of this Act, become invested with or subject unto respectively. 10 15 20

Powers of Provisional Directors.

First general meeting for election of Directors: how called.

VII. When and so soon as shares to an amount equivalent to fifty thousand pounds Provincial currency, in the capital stock of the said Company, shall be taken, and ten pounds per centum thereon shall have been paid into some one of the chartered Banks of this Province, it shall and may be lawful for the provisional Directors of the said Company for the time being, to call a meeting at the Town of Brantford of the subscribers for stock in the said Company, and who have paid ten per centum thereon as aforesaid, for the purpose of electing Directors of the said Company: Provided always, that if the said Provisional Directors shall neglect or omit to call such meeting, then the same may be called by any ten of the holders of shares in the said Company, holding among them not less than an amount equivalent to five thousand pounds Provincial currency: And provided always, that in either case public notice of the time and place of holding such meeting shall be given during one month in some one newspaper published in the Town of Brantford, and also in some one newspaper published in each of the Counties through which the said Railway shall pass, or be intended to pass, or in such of the said Counties as shall have a newspaper published therein respectively; And at such general meeting the shareholders assembled, with such proxies as shall be present, shall choose nine persons to be Directors of the said Company, being each a proprietor of shares in the said Company to an amount of not less than one hundred pounds Provincial currency; and shall also proceed to pass such rules, regulations and by-laws as shall seem to them fit, provided they be not inconsistent with this Act: Provided also, that such ten per cent. shall not be withdrawn from such Bank or otherwise applied, except for the purposes of such Railway, or upon the dissolution of the Company from any cause whatever. 25 30 35 40 45

Proviso.

Proviso: how notice shall be given.

Proviso.

Election of nine Directors.

VIII. The Directors so elected, or those appointed in their stead in case of vacancy, shall remain in office until the first Wednesday in June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty- ; and on the said first Wednesday in 50

June, and on the first Wednesday in June in each year thereafter, or such other day as shall be appointed by any By-law, an annual general meeting of the shareholders shall be held at the office of the Company for the time being, to choose nine Directors in the room of those whose period of office shall have expired, and generally to transact the business of the Company; but if at any time it should appear to any ten or more of such shareholders, holding together two hundred shares at least, that a special general meeting of the shareholders is necessary to be held, it shall be lawful for such ten or more of them to cause fifteen days' notice at least to be given thereof in such newspapers as are hereinbefore provided, or in such manner as the Company shall by any By-law direct or appoint, specifying in such notice the time and place and the reason and intention of such special meeting respectively; and the shareholders are hereby authorized to meet pursuant to such notice, and proceed to the execution of the powers by this Act given to them, with respect to the matter so specified only; and all such acts of the shareholders or the majority of them at such special meeting assembled, (such majority not having either as principal or proxies less than two hundred shares,) shall be as valid to all intents and purposes as if the same were done at annual meetings.

Annual general meetings for election of Directors, &c.

Special meetings.

Powers of special meetings.

IX. For the purpose of making, constructing and maintaining the Railway and other works necessary for the proper use and enjoyment of the Railway by this Act authorized to be constructed, it shall and may be lawful for the Directors of the said Company for the time being, to raise in such manner by loan, subscription of stock, issuing of shares or otherwise as to the Directors of the said Company for the time being shall from time to time seem fit, the sum of one hundred thousand pounds Provincial currency, such shares to be issued for sums of twenty-five pounds Provincial currency each; Provided always, that the said capital sum may from time to time, if necessary, be increased in the manner provided for by those clauses of the Railway Clauses Consolidation Act, which in and by the second section of this Act are incorporated with this Act.

Capital £100,000. Shares.

Proviso for increase of capital.

X. It shall and may be lawful for the Directors of the said Company for the time being, to make, execute, and deliver all such scrip and share certificates, and all such bonds, debentures, mortgages or other securities, as to the said Directors for the time being shall from time to time seem most expedient for raising the necessary capital for the time being authorized to be raised by the said Company, or for raising any part thereof.

Directors to deliver share certificates, &c.

XI. Every proprietor of shares in the said Company shall be entitled on every occasion when the votes of the Members of the Brantford and Otterville Railway Company are to be given, to one vote for every share of Twenty-five Pounds currency, held by him.

One vote for each share.

XII. All bonds, debentures and other securities to be executed by the Brantford and Otterville Railway Company may be made payable to bearer; and all such bonds, debentures, or other securities of the said Company, and all dividends and interest warrants thereon, respectively, which shall purport to be payable to bearer, shall be assignable at law by delivery, and may be sued on and enforced by the respective bearers and owners thereof for the time being, in their own names.

Form of bonds and debentures, &c.

XIII. Any meeting of the Directors of the said Company regularly summoned, at which not less than five of such Directors shall be present,

Quorum of Directors.

shall be competent to exercise and use all and every of the powers hereby vested in the said Directors.

Directors may  
make calls.  
Proviso.

XIV. Calls may be made by the Directors of the said Company for the time being, provided that no call to be made upon the subscribers for stock in the said Railway Company shall exceed the sum of ten pounds per centum upon the amount subscribed for by the respective shareholders in the said Company: Provided also, that upon the occasion of any person or corporation becoming a subscriber for stock in the said Company it shall and may be lawful for the provisional and other Directors of the said Company for the time being to demand and receive to and for the use of the said Company, the sum of ten pounds per centum upon the amount so by such person or corporation respectively subscribed, and the amount of such calls as shall have already been made payable in respect of the stock then already subscribed at the time of such person or corporation respectively subscribing for stock.

Power to take  
lands for cer-  
tain purposes  
on the line of  
the Railway.

XV. And whereas it may be necessary for the said Company to possess gravel pits and lands containing deposits of gravel as well as lands for stations and other purposes, at convenient places along their line of Railway, for constructing and keeping in repair and for carrying on the business of the said Railway, and as such gravel pits or deposits cannot at all times be procured without buying the whole lot of land whereon such deposit may be found: It is therefore enacted, that it shall be lawful for the said Company, and they are hereby authorized from time to time to purchase, have, hold, take, receive, use and enjoy, along the line of the said Railway or separated therefrom, and if separated therefrom, then with the necessary right of way thereto, any lands, tenements and hereditaments which it shall please Her Majesty or any person or persons or bodies politic, to give, grant, sell or convey unto and to the use of or in trust for the said Company, their successors and assigns, and it shall and may be lawful for the said Company to establish stations or workshops on any such lots or blocks of land, and from time to time by deed of bargain and sale or otherwise, to grant, bargain, sell or convey any portion of such lands not necessary to be retained for gravel pits, sidings branches, wood yards, station grounds or workshops, or for effectually repairing, maintaining and using to the greatest advantage the said Railway and other works connected therewith.

Power to unite  
with any other  
Railway Com-  
pany.

XVI. It shall and may be lawful for the said Brantford and Otterville Railway Company to unite or amalgamate with any Company whose Railway intersects that of the said Company or touches any place which their Railway also touches, upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon between the Companies; and to any such union and the proceedings preliminary thereto, and the effects thereof, all the provisions of the Acts passed in the sixteenth year of Her Majesty's Reign, and chaptered, respectively, thirty-nine and seventy-six, (providing for the union of Railway Companies,) shall extend and apply.

Completion of  
works.

XVII. The said Railway shall be commenced within three years and completed within six years after the passing of this Act.

Public Act.

XVIII. This Act shall be deemed and taken to be a public Act.

## SCHEDULE A.

Know all men by these presents that I *(insert the name of the wife also, if she is to release her dower or for any other reason to join in the conveyance)* do hereby in consideration of *paid* to me *(or as the case may be)* by the Brantford and Otterville Railway Company, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, grant, bargain, sell, convey and confirm unto the said Brantford and Otterville Railway Company, their successors and assigns for ever, all that certain parcel or tract of land situate *(describe the land)* the same having been selected and laid out by the said Company for the purposes of their Railway, to have and to hold the said land and premises together with everything appertaining thereto to the said Brantford and Otterville Railway Company, their successors and assigns for ever; *(if there be dower to be released add)* and I *(name the wife)* hereby release my dower in the premises.

Witness my hand *(or our hands)* and seal *(or seals)* this *day* of *one thousand eight hundred and*

A. B. (L. S.)  
C. D. (L. S.)

Signed, sealed and delivered }  
in the presence of }  
O. K.