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(PRIVATE BILL.)

BILL.

An Act to incorporate a Company to construct a Railway from the City of London to the waters of Lake Huron at or near Port Franks.

Received and read, first time, Thursday, 7th May, 1857.

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An Act to incorporate the London and Lake Huron Railway Company.

TIVIEREAS the persons hereinafter named, and divers others, have Preamble. petitioned that an Act may be passed authorizing the construction of a Railway from any point in the City of London to the waters of Lake Huron at or near Port Franks, on the mouth of the River Aux Sables: 5 And whereas a Railroad so constructed would manifestly tend to open an extensive tract of fertile country and promote its general prosperity; Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows:

I. Elijah Leonard, John Carling, David Glass, Marcus Holmes, John Bir- Incorporation rell, Daniel Lester, Francis Smith James Cousins, William McBride, of Company. 10 Patrick Y. Norris, and John Wilson, together with such other 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 "London and Corporate 15 Lake Huron Railway Company."

II. The several clauses of the Railway Clauses Consolidation Act Certain with respect to the first, second, third and fourth clauses thereof, and also clauses of 14, the several clauses of the said last mentioned Act with respect to "Interthe several clauses of the said last mentioned Act with respect to "Inter- 51, incorporapretation," "Incorporation,' "Powers," Plans and Surveys," "Lands and ted with this 20 their valuation," "Highways and Bridges," "Fences," "Tolls," "General Act. Meetings." "Directors, their election and Duties," "Shares and their transfer." "Municipalities," "Shareholders," "Actions for indemnity and fines and penalties, and their presecution," "Working of the Railway," and "General Provisions," shall be incorporated with this Act and shall 25 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.

30 III. The said Company and their servants and agents shall have full power under this Act to lay out, construct and complete a Railway between the City of London and the waters of Lake Huron, with full power to pass over any portion of the Counties of Middlesex and Lambton, under the provisions of the ninth section of the Railway Clauses Consolida-35 tion Act.

Line of Railway defined.

IV. Deeds and Conveyances under this Act for the lands to be conveyed Form and Reto the said Company for the purposes of this Act shall and may, as far as deeds to the the title to the said lands or circumstances of the parties making such con- Company.

Fee.

veyance will admit, be made in the form given in the Schedule to this Act, marked A, and all Registrars are hereby required to register 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 six pence and no more.

Provisional Directors.

V. From and after the passing of this Act the said Elijah Leonard, John Carling, Marcus Holmes, John Birrell, Daniel Lester, Francis Smith, James Cousins, William McBride, Patrick Y. Norris, John Wilson, and David Glass, shall be provisional Directors of the said Company for carrying into effect the object and purposes of this Act.

Vacancies among them, how filled up.

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 15 Stock in their said Railway to the amount of at least two hundred and fifty pounds, Provincial currency, each, during the period of their communance 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 20 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.

Their powers and duties.

First general Meeting and Election of Directors.

Proviso.

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Election of eleven Directors.

VII. When and so soon as shares to an amount equivalent to one hundred 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 in, it shall and may be lawful for the provisional Directors of the said Company, for the time being, to call a meeting at the City of 30 London, 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 35 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 City of London, and also some one newspaper published in each of the Counties 40 through which the said Railway shall 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 eleven persons to be Directors of the said Company, being each a proprietor of shares in the said Company to an amount of 45 not less than two hundred and fifty 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.

Term of office of first 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 50 thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight, and on the said first Wednesday

in June and on the first Wednesday in June in each year thereafter, or Annual Genesuch other day as shall be appointed by any By-law, an Annual General ral Meeting. Meeting of the Shareholders shall be held at the office of the Company for the time being, to choose eleven Directors in the room of those whose 5 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 one thousand shares at least, that a Special General Meeting of the Shareholders is necessary to be held, it Special Geneshall be lawful for such ten or more of them to cause fifteen days' notice and powers 10 at least to be given thereof in such newspapers as are hereinbefore pro-thereof. vided, 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 exe-15 cution 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 Meetings assembled, (such majority not having either as principals or proxies less than one thousand shares,) shall be as valid to all intents and purposes as if the same were done at Annual 20 Meetings.

IX. For the purpose of making, constructing and maintaining the Rail- Capital £200,way and other works necessary for the proper use and enjoyment of the to be raised. Railway by this Act authorised to be constructed, it shall and may be law- Shares £5 ful for the Directors of the said Company for the time being to raise in each. 25 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 three hundred thousand pounds Provincial currency each, such shares to be issued for sums of five pounds Provincial currency each; Provided always, that the said capital sum may from time to Proviso for in-30 time if nucessary, be increased in the manner provided for by those clauses crease of capiof the Railway Clauses Consolidation Acct, which in and by the second talsection of this Act are incorporated with this Act.

X. It shall and may be lawful for the Directors of the said Company for Directors to the time being, to make, execute and deliver all such scrip and share cer- issue shares, 35 tificates, and all such bonds, debentures, mortgages, or other securities as serip, &c. 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.

XI. Every proprietor of shares in the said Company shall be entitled on Proportion of 40 every occasion when the votes of the members of the said Company are to votes to be given, to one vote for every share of five pounds currency held by him.

XII. All bonds, debentures and other securities to be executed by the Debentures, London and Lake Huron Railway Company may be made payable to dec. may be made payable to bearer, and all such bon is, debentures or other securities of the said Combon bearer. 45 pany, 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.

XIII. Any meeting of the Directors of the said Company, at which not Quorum of 50 less than five of such Directors shall be present, shall be competent to Directors.

exercise and use all and every of the powers hereby vested in the said Directors.

Calls. Amount of limited.

Proviso: ten per cent, and calls then made to be paid on subscribing.

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 5 centum upon the amount subscribed for by the respective Shareholders in the said Company, and that the amount of any such calls in any one year shall not exceed fifty pounds per centum upon the stock so subscribed; 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 10 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 call as shall have already been made payable in respect of the stock then al- 15 ready subscribed at the time of such person or Corporation respectively subscribing for stock.

Recital.

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 20 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 deposits may be found; It is therefore enacted, that it shall be lawful for the said Company, and they are hereby authorised, from time to 25 pits, Stationss, time to purchase, have, hold, take, receive, use and enjoy along the line of the said Railway or separated therefrom, and if separated therefrom, 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 30 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 portions of such lands not necessary to be retained for gravel pits, sidings, 35 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.

And dispose thereof when not wanted.

Company may

purchase land

for gravel

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Commence-XVI. The said Railway shall be commenced within two years and ment, &c., of completed within seven years after the passing of this Act. Railway.

Company may unite with

XVII. And whereas it may be the interest of the said Company hereafanother Rail. ter to unite with the London and Port Stanley Railway Company, or with way Company. some other Railway Company: Be it enacted, that it shall be lawful for the said London and Lake Huron Railway Company at any time hereafter to unite with and become merged in the London and Port Stanley or 45 with any other Railway 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 50 sixteenth year of Her Majesty's Reign, and chaptered respectively thirty-

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nine and seventy-six (providing for the Union of Railway Companies) shalf extend and apply.

XVIII. All provisions of Law inconsistent with this Act are and shall Inconsistent enactments repealed from the passing thereof.

5 XIX. The Interpretation Act shall apply to this Act, and this Act shall Public Act be deemed 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 London and Lake Huron Railway Company, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, grant, bargain, sell, convey and confirm unto the said London and Lake Huron 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 every thing appertaining thereto to the said London and Lake Huron 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 [or our] hand [or 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 A. K.

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