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BILL.

An Act concerning the Vaudreuil Rail-
way Company.

PRIVATE BILL.

MR. SHANLY.

An Act concerning the Vaudreuil Railway Company.

WHEREAS the Vaudreuil Railway Company have by their Petition represented that by their Act of Incorporation they were empowered to construct a line of railway "from Vaudreuil to Vaukleek's Hill, and thence to the nearest practicable point of intersection with any railway which may be constructed to Bytown or Kemptville, or to any intermediate place," or, "to construct a junction branch from Vaudreuil uniting with any other railway already constructed or which may hereafter be constructed in the direction of Bytown," and also "to unite and form a junction with other Railway Companies either to Montreal and Kemptville or Bytown,"—That under the provisions of the said Act the said Company made a careful survey of the whole line from Vaudreuil to Bytown (now the city of Ottawa), with maps, plans, and books of reference:—

15 That by the Act passed in 1856 "to provide for and encourage the construction of a railway from Lake Huron to Quebec," it is provided that "the Montreal and Bytown Railway Company and the Vaudreuil Railway Company shall be entitled each to make half the railway from opposite Grenville to the city of Ottawa, 20 dividing such railway between them; the Montreal and Bytown Railway Company taking the half nearest to Grenville;—and that "if within three years the said Montreal and Bytown Railway Company shall not have raised their share of the funds, and commenced their share of the said road from the Ottawa to Lake 25 Huron, it shall in that case be lawful for the said Vaudreuil Railway Company to take and complete alone the said share, &c., for that part of the road which lies between Hawkesbury and the city of Ottawa":—

That by the Act passed in 1861 "to incorporate the Canada 30 Central Railway Company, and to amend the Act intituled 'An Act to provide for and encourage the construction of a railway from Lake Huron to Quebec',"—providing for the construction of a railway "from Lake Huron to the city of Ottawa by way of 35 of Montreal,"—it was enacted, that "in the event of the Canada Central Railway Company failing to construct the portion of the said railway between the city of Ottawa and Vaudreuil or any part thereof within five years from the passing hereof, the Vaudreuil Railway Company, under its Act of Incorporation, which 40 shall continue to be in force, shall have the right to construct the same, and thereupon shall have all the privileges hereby conferred upon the Canada Central Railway Company in respect of the said portion thereof:—

29 Vic., c. 80. That by the Act passed in 1865, "To extend the time for the completion of the Canada Central Railway," it was provided that nothing herein contained shall infringe upon or in anywise vary or diminish the rights of the Vaudreuil Railway Company, under the provisions of section 6 of the Act 24 Victoria, Chapter 80, incorporating the Canada Central Railway Company":—

29, 30 Vic., c. 91. That the Act passed in 1866, "To amend the Acts incorporating the Canada Central Railway Company," provided that "the line of the railway from Vaudreuil to Ottawa shall be as enacted by the Act incorporating the Vaudreuil Railway Company":— 50

33 Vic., c. 52. That the Act passed in 1870 "respecting the Canada Central Railway Company," extended the time for depositing the maps, plans, and books of reference by the said Company to two years, and for completion of the railway to five years from 1st. September 1870,—and provided "that the portion of the projected line of 55 the said railway between Hawkesbury and Vaudreuil may at any time during the said five years, from any point in West Hawkesbury to Vaudreuil be constructed by the Vaudreuil Railway Company,—which Company, as to the said line, shall have the full exercise of all powers conferred upon it by the several Acts 60 concerning the same":—

And whereas the Vaudreuil Railway Company have further represented that they have been unable to construct the portion of the line between Vaudreuil and Hawkesbury, in consequence of the failure of other Companies to construct that portion 65 between Hawkesbury and Ottawa, as it has been found impracticable to organize a railway from Vaudreuil to Hawkesbury without the power of extending the same to the city of Ottawa or to some railway in operation to that city;—and further, that the Canada Central Railway Company, which now pos- 70 sesses a right to construct a railway upon the route in question, has publicly declared that the said Company does not intend to construct the same; and in consequence of such declaration, a new line of railway has been projected, from the line of the Grand Trunk Railway near Coteau Landing to the City of Otta- 75 wa, but not passing through the County of Prescott; and it is essential to the interests of that County that the Vaudreuil Railway Company should be relieved from any doubt that might arise in consequence of the powers conferred on the Canada Central Railway Company in reference to that portion of the line lying 80 between Hawkesbury and Ottawa, recently abandoned by the last mentioned Company; and the said Vaudreuil Railway Company have prayed that the powers conferred upon them by the Acts above recited in reference to the section between Hawkes- 85 bury and Ottawa aforesaid, may be confirmed and renewed; and it is expedient to grant their prayer: Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:—

1. That portion of a proposed line of railway between Vau- 90 dreuil and the City of Ottawa, lying between Hawkesbury and Ottawa, which the Vaudreuil Railway Company, in conjunction with other Companies, has been authorised to construct, in part or in whole, under the Acts recited in the preamble, may at any time during five years next after the passing of this Act, be con- 95

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constructed by the said Company, heretofore known as the Vaudreuil Railway Company, from any point in West Hawkesbury to any point in the City of Ottawa; which Company, as to the said line, shall have the full exercise of all powers conferred by the several Acts concerning the same.

2. The name of the Vaudreuil Railway Company is hereby changed to the "Ottawa, Vaudreuil, and Montreal Railway Company." Name change 1.

3. The said Company may construct the whole line of railway way between Vaudreuil and Ottawa, upon such gauge as they may see fit. Gauge.

4. The said Company may increase their capital stock to such an amount as may be found necessary for the construction and equipment of the said Railway, in the manner prescribed by section 7, sub-section 19, of "The Railway Act, 1868." Increase of capital stock.

5. It shall be lawful for the said Company to receive, either by grant from Government, or from any individuals or corporations, as aid in the construction of the said Railway, any vacant lands in the vicinity thereof, or any other real or personal property, or any sums of money, either as gifts, or in payment of stock, and legally to dispose of the same and alienate the lands or other real or other personal property for the purposes of the said Company, in carrying out the provisions of this Act. Company may take grants.

6. The Directors of the said Company are hereby authorised and empowered to issue bonds or debentures which shall be and form a first charge on the undertaking, lands, buildings, tolls and income of the Company, or any, either, or all of them, as may be expressed by the said bonds or debentures, without the necessity for any enregistration thereof; and such bonds or debentures shall be in such form and for such amount and payable at such times and places, as the Directors from time to time may appoint and direct. The said bonds or debentures shall be signed by the President or Vice-President, and shall have the corporate seal of the Company affixed thereto; Provided always, that the amount of such bonds or debentures shall not exceed fifteen thousand dollars per mile, to be issued in proportion to the length of railway under contract or to be constructed under and by virtue of this Charter. Company may issue debentures.