



CHAPTER 69.

An Act to incorporate the Naas and Skeena Rivers
Railway Company.

[1st March, 1911.]

WHEREAS a petition has been presented praying for the incor- Preamble.
poration of a company to construct and operate railways as
hereinafter set forth, and it is expedient to grant the prayer of the
petition :

Therefore, His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the
Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, enacts as
follows:—

1. George Henry Barnard, Harold Bruce Robertson, of the City Incorporation.
of Victoria, Province of British Columbia; R. Campbell-Johnston,
of the City of Vancouver, Province of British Columbia, Leon
Benoit, of the City of Winnipeg, Province of Manitoba; J. G. Scott,
of the City of Quebec, Province of Quebec; J. T. Ross, L. P. Pelletier,
K.C., P. A. Choquette, G. Le Moine, Hon. N. Garneau, A. E. Doucet,
A. Gauvreau, O. E. Gauvreau, A. Hardy, J. E. Dube, C. E.
Taschereau, H. Doheny, and G. Proteau, all of the City of Quebec,
Province of Quebec; and B. Newgass, of London, England, together
with such persons as become shareholders in the Company hereby
incorporated, are hereby constituted a body corporate under the
name of the "Naas and Skeena Rivers Railway Company" (herein-
after called "the Company").

2. The head office of the Company shall be in the City of Victoria, Head office
in the Province of British Columbia, but may be changed to such
other place in British Columbia as is fixed by by-law passed at an
annual general meeting or at any special meeting.

Line of railway.

3. The Company may lay out, construct, and operate a railway of the gauge of four feet eight and one-half inches, from Portland Inlet to the headwaters of the Skeena River, in the Province of British Columbia, by building, constructing, and operating any one or more of the following sections:—

- (a.) From Nasoga Gulf or Naas Bay or other convenient point on Portland Inlet, in the Province of British Columbia; thence up the Naas River to a point at or near the Indian Village of Ayance:
- (b.) From a point at or near the said Indian Village of Ayance up the Naas River to the Blackwater River, and along the said Blackwater River to a point at or near the outlet of Blackwater Lake; or alternatively from a point at or near the said Indian Village of Ayance, by way of the lakes at the head of the Kispiox River, to a point at or near Blackwater Lake:
- (c.) From a point at or near the outlet of Blackwater Lake; thence easterly along the banks of the said lake down Slan Geest Creek to the Skeena River, and up the said Skeena River to a point at or near the West Fork; or alternatively from a point on Blackwater River, by way of Courier or Carrier Creek or Anthracite or West Fork Creek, to a point at or near the West Fork of the Skeena River:
- (d.) From the West Fork of the Skeena River to the headwaters of the same river.

Capital stock.

4. The capital stock of the Company shall be five million dollars, divided into fifty thousand shares of one hundred dollars each, and may be called up by the directors from time to time as they deem necessary.

First general meeting

5. So soon as one hundred thousand dollars of the capital stock shall have been subscribed and allotted, and ten per cent. of the amount shall have been paid into some chartered bank in Canada, the provisional directors shall call a meeting of the shareholders of the Company at the place where the head office is situate, at such time as they shall think proper, giving the notice prescribed by section 6 of this Act, at which meeting the shareholders who have paid ten per cent. on the amount of stock subscribed by them shall, from the shareholders, elect not less than five directors (of whom a majority shall form a quorum for the transaction of business), who shall hold office until others are elected.

Notice of first general meeting.

6. Public notice of the first meeting of the shareholders of the Company shall be given by advertisement published for at least thirty days in the British Columbia Gazette and in one newspaper published in the place where the head office is situate, and by a

twenty days' notice in writing to each shareholder, delivered to him personally or mailed, properly directed, to him at his last-known place of abode, in which notice shall be specified the place, day, and the hour of meeting. All such notices shall be published at least weekly, and a copy of such Gazette and newspaper containing such notice shall, on production thereof, be evidence of the sufficiency of such notice.

7. The five persons first named in the first section of this Act shall be and are hereby constituted provisional directors of the Company (a majority of whom shall form a quorum), with power to add to the number, but so that the directors shall not in all exceed fifteen in number. The Board of Directors, so constituted, shall have all the powers hereby conferred upon the directors of the Company, and they shall hold office until the first election of directors under this Act.

Provisional
directors

8. The first annual general meeting of the Company shall be held at such time as the directors of the Company may determine, and all subsequent annual general meetings shall be held at such time as may be prescribed by the Company in general meeting; and if no other time is prescribed, the annual general meeting shall be held on the third Wednesday of October in each year, at which annual general meetings a Board of not less than five directors (of whom a majority shall form a quorum for the transaction of business) for the management of the Company's affairs shall be elected.

Annual general
meetings.

9. No director shall be disqualified from holding office by reason of or on account of his being concerned, directly or indirectly, in any other company or association, or in any contracts with the Company, or on account of his receiving any pay or remuneration from the Company as such director or otherwise.

Directors not dis-
qualified by holding
office

10. No failure to elect directors or to hold the first or any annual meeting shall operate as a dissolution of the Company; but anything omitted to be done may afterwards be performed at a meeting called in conformity to the by-laws specially for the purpose.

Failure to elect
directors not to
operate as
dissolution

11. The Company may issue bonds, debentures, or other securities to the extent of fifty 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:

Bonding powers

Provided, however, that no such bonds, debentures, or other securities shall be issued unless the directors have been authorised so to do by a resolution passed by a two-thirds majority at any general

Provided

or special meeting for that purpose among others called, at which meeting shareholders representing at least two-thirds in value of the subscribed stock of the Company are present or are represented by proxy.

Power to promote
other companies.

12. The Company shall have power to promote any other company or incorporation or association of persons for any purpose which may seem, directly or indirectly, calculated to benefit the Company, and for that purpose to obtain any Act of Parliament, form or caused to be formed any company which may seem expedient, and to oppose any proceedings or applications which may seem calculated, directly or indirectly, to prejudice the Company's interests.

Pledges of stock,
etc

13. The Company may from time to time, for advances of money, pledge any stock, debentures, or bonds which under the powers of this Act can be issued for the construction of the railway, or other purposes of the Company hereby authorised.

Traffic arrangements
with other
companies.

14. The Company may enter into any agreement for conveying or leasing to any other railway, steamship, transportation, telegraph, or telephone company, in whole or in part, the lines of railway or branches, telegraph or telephone lines, which the Company by this Act is empowered to construct and operate, or for an amalgamation with any other such company if lawfully empowered to enter into such agreement, or for forming any traffic or other arrangements with any railway or steamboat or transportation company, the whole upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon by the contracting parties: Provided that each such agreement has been first sanctioned by two-thirds of the votes at a special general meeting of the shareholders duly called for the purpose of considering the same, at which meeting shareholders representing at least two-thirds in value of the stock are present in person or represented by proxy; and provided, also, that each such agreement shall be assented to by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council:

- (1.) Such assent shall not be signified until after notice of the proposed application therefor has been published for thirty days in the British Columbia Gazette and also in one newspaper circulating in the district in which the railway of the company runs:
- (2.) A duplicate of each agreement referred to in this section shall, within thirty days after its execution, be filed in the office of the Provincial Secretary, and notice thereof shall be given by the Company in the British Columbia Gazette, and the production of the British Columbia Gazette containing such notice shall be prima facie evidence of the requirements of this Act having been complied with.

15. The Company may undertake to transmit messages for the public by its line of telegraph or telephone, and collect tolls for so doing.

Telegraph and
telephone business.

16. The Company may carry on a general express business, either as a separate undertaking or in connection with its railway.

Express business.

17. The Company may acquire and hold lands by way of bonus, privilege, concession, or grant from any Government or from any municipal or other corporation, or from any person, and may alienate, sell, or dispose of the same.

Powers to acquire
lands by bonus.

18. The Company may, with the consent of the Minister of Lands, take from any public lands adjacent to or near the line of the said railway, or branches, all stone, timber, or gravel and other material which may be necessary or useful for the construction of the railway, and also may fill in upon any public lands.

Stone, timber, etc.,
required for
construction

19. The Company shall have power to collect and receive all charges subject to which goods or commodities may come into their possession, and on payment of such charges, and without any formal transfer, shall have the same lien for the amount thereof upon such goods and commodities as the person to whom such charges were originally due, and shall be subrogated by such payment in all the rights and remedies of such persons for such charges.

Collection of
charges on goods

20. The clauses or sections of the "British Columbia Railway Act," and all future amendments thereto, shall apply to this Company, in the same manner and to the extent as if the same had been set forth clause by clause in this Act.

"British Columbia
Railway Act" to
apply

21. The Company shall, within six months after the coming into force of this Act, deposit with the Minister of Finance and Agriculture the sum of five thousand dollars, either in cash or securities approved by said Minister, as security that the Company will expend not less than ten thousand dollars in surveys or construction of the railway hereby authorised to be built, before the thirty-first day of December, 1912, and in default of such expenditure the aforesaid deposit of money or securities shall be forfeited to and become the property of the Government; and should such security not be deposited as aforesaid, or should such expenditure not be made within such time, all the rights and privileges conferred by this Act shall be null and void.

Deposit to secure
expenditure of
\$10,000 on construc-
tion before 31st
December, 1912.

22. The Company may purchase, build, own, charter, use, hold, equip, maintain, and operate, or sell and dispose of, steamships, sailing-vessels, and other vessels, boats, and crafts, and carry on

Vessels

business as carriers of freight and passengers for hire, and own and operate docks and wharves, and carry on business as dockmasters and wharfingers.

Future legislation
to apply

23. Any Act hereafter passed for the purpose of controlling, regulating, or affecting companies incorporated by the Legislature of British Columbia with regard to any matter or thing dealt with by this Act shall apply to the Company from the time such Act goes into effect, and this section shall not be construed to imply that such Act would not apply to the Company without the enactment of this section.

Short title

24. This Act may be cited as the "Naas and Skeena Rivers Railway Act, 1911."

VICTORIA, B C

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