

CHAPTER 70.

An Act to Amend the "Columbia and Western Railway Company Act, 1896."

[May 11th, 1901.]

WHEREAS a petition has been presented praying for an Act Preamble. extending the time for the completion of the fifth and sixth sections of the railway authorised to be built by the "Columbia and Western Railway Company Act, 1896":

And whereas it is expedient to grant the prayer of such 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. Section 16 of Chapter 54 of the Statutes of British Columbia Amends s. 16, c. 54 of 1896 is hereby amended by striking out the words "the fifth and of 1896." sixth sections, within five years from such date," where they occur in the eighteenth line of that section, and substituting therefor the words "the fifth on or before the seventeenth day of April, 1903, and the sixth on or before the thirtieth day of April, 1903": Provided, however, that this section shall not be construed to extend the time within which the land grant mentioned in Chapter 8 of the Statutes of British Columbia of 1896 might be earned if this Act were not passed.

2. No aliens shall be employed on the railway during construction As to employment unless it is demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Lieutenant-Gov- of aliens. ernor in Council that the work cannot be proceeded with without the employment of such aliens.

When Act takes effect. **3**. This Act shall not come into force or effect until such time as the Company shall give security to the satisfaction of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council—

- (1.) That the Lieutenant-Governor in Council shall have the right from time to time to fix maximum rates for freight and passenger traffic on the fifth and sixth sections of the Company's line of railway, as mentioned in section 16 of the "Columbia and Western Railway Company Act, 1896," and the Company shall not charge rates higher than those so fixed on the said fifth and sixth sections:
- (2.) That in the event of Dominion legislation bringing this Railway Company under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Parliament of Canada, the foregoing conditions shall be carried out by the Company so incorporated, as a contract and obligation of said Company prior to any other charge thereon.
- 4. This Act may be cited as the "Columbia and Western Railway Company Act (1896) Amendment Act, 1901."

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