

CHAPTER 78.

An Act to amend the "Vancouver and Westminster 1900, c. 53. Railway Company Act, 1900."

[21st June, 1902.]

WHEREAS a petition has been presented praying for an Act Preamble. extending the time for the commencement and completion of the works contemplated by the "Vancouver and Westminster Railway Company Act, 1900," and also for extending the time within which the Company shall expend in surveys or construction the sum mentioned in said Act:

And whereas it is expedient to grant the prayer of said 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 28 of chapter 53 of the Statutes of 1900 is hereby Re-enacts s. 28. repealed, and the following section substituted therefor:—
- "28. The work of construction of the main line of railway shall be Time for commencecommenced within one year from the 31st day of August, 1902, and of work. shall be completed within three years from said date, but failure to complete any portion of the said railway within the time limited in this section shall not prejudice the rights and privileges of the Company in respect of so much of the said railway as is constructed within the time hereinbefore limited."
- 2. Section 32 of said chapter 53 is hereby amended by striking out Amends. s. 32. the figures "1902," in the sixth line thereof, and substituting therefor Security. the figures "1903."

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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 the maximum rates for freight and passenger traffic, and the Company shall not charge rates higher than those so fixed:
 - (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.

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4. Notwithstanding anything contained in the said chapter 53, the Company shall not have the right to purchase, lease or use any lands belonging to the Province until it has entered into a contract with the Lieutenant-Governor in Council with respect to the employment of labour on the construction and operation of the railway.

Short title.

5. This Act may be cited as the "Vancouver and Westminster Railway Company Act Amendment Act, 1902."

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