



CHAPTER 79.

An Act to Incorporate the Atlin Short Line Railway and Navigation Company.

[27th February, 1899.]

WHEREAS a petition has been presented praying for the incorporation of a Company to construct and operate a tramway, railway, telegraph and telephone lines, electric power supply, and for navigation purposes, with power to collect tolls as hereinafter set forth, and it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition: Preamble.

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

1. Wallace Langley, of Victoria, British Columbia, master mariner, John Howard Langley, of Victoria, aforesaid, salmon canner, Alfred A. Green, of Victoria, aforesaid, accountant, J. B. Libby, of Port Townsend, State of Washington, and W. C. Dawson, of Port Townsend, State of Washington, together with such other persons as become shareholders in the Company hereby incorporated, are hereby constituted a body corporate under the name of "The Atlin Short Line Railway and Navigation Company," hereinafter called "the Company." Incorporation.

2. The capital stock of the Company shall be one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), divided into shares of ten dollars each, which shall be applied first to the payment of all costs and expenses incurred in the passing of this Act, and the remainder for the purposes of the Company's undertaking. Capital stock.
Shares.

3. So soon as ten thousand dollars of the capital stock shall have been subscribed, and ten per cent. of the amount subscribed shall have been paid into some chartered bank of Canada, the Provisional Direc- First meeting of
shareholders.

tors 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 in section four 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 three Directors, who shall hold office until others are elected.

Notice of meetings. **4.** At least thirty days' public notice of any meeting shall be given by advertisement published in the British Columbia Gazette, and in at least one newspaper published in the place where the head office is situate, in which notice shall be specified the place, day and hour of meeting. All such notices shall be published weekly, and a copy of the Gazette, containing such notice shall, on production thereof, be conclusive evidence of the publication of such notice.

Provisional Directors. **5.** The first three persons named in the first section of this Act shall be and are hereby constituted Provisional Directors of the Company, of whom two shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and they shall hold office until the first election of Directors under the Act, and shall have power to open stock books and procure subscriptions of stock for the undertaking.

Head office. **6.** The head office of the Company shall be at the City of Victoria, or at such other place in the Province of British Columbia as the Company may from time to time by by-law appoint.

Annual general meeting. **7.** The annual general meeting of the Company shall be held on the first Monday in July in each year, at which meeting a board of three Directors, of whom two shall be a quorum, shall be elected for the management of the Company's affairs.

By-laws. **8.** It shall be lawful for the Company, from time to time, to make such by-laws as they may think fit for the purpose of regulating the conduct of the officers and servants of the Company, and for providing for the management of the affairs of the Company in all respects whatsoever, and from time to time to alter and repeal any such by-laws and make others: Provided such by-laws shall not be repugnant to the provisions of this Act or of the "British Columbia Railway Act."

Land. **9.** The Company may purchase, hold, receive or take land or other property, and also alienate, sell or dispose of the same.

General powers. **10.** The Company may lay out, construct, equip, operate by any kind or kinds of motive power, and maintain a single or double track tramway, or either a standard or narrow gauge railway, for the purpose of conveying passengers and goods, including all kinds of merchandise, beginning at a point on Taku Arm, in the District of Cassiar in the Province of British Columbia, near where the waters of the Atlintoo River join those of the said Taku Arm; thence along the

valley of the said Atlintoo River, on the northern side of said river to a convenient point near where the said Atlintoo River flows from Atlin Lake in the said District of Cassiar, with power to construct and maintain all necessary roads, bridges, ways, ferries, steamboats, wharves, docks and coal bunkers; and with power to build, own, equip, operate and maintain telegraph and telephone lines in connection with the said tramway or railway or branches of either, and with power to extend, build, own, equip, operate and maintain the said telegraph and telephone lines across Atlin Lake; thence along the valley of Pine Creek to a point at or near the outlet of Surprise Lake in the said district; with power to construct, equip, operate and maintain branch lines in connection with the said telegraph and telephone lines in the transmission of messages for the public and charge tolls therefor, and to build and operate all kinds of plant for the purpose of supplying light, heat, electricity or any kind of motive power, and to acquire lands, bonuses, privileges or other aids from any Government, persons or bodies corporate, and to make traffic or other arrangements with railway, steamboat or other companies or other persons, and with power to build waggon roads and trails to be used in the construction of the said works, and in advance of the same, and with all other usual, necessary, or incidental rights, powers or privileges as may be necessary or incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them.

11. It shall be lawful for the Company, subject to the consent of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, to take from any public lands adjacent to or near the line of the said railway all stone, timber or gravel, and other material which may be necessary or useful for the construction of the railway, and also to fill in on the same. Stone, timber, etc., necessary for construction.

12. The provisions of the "British Columbia Railway Act," and all future amendments thereto, shall be incorporated with this Act. B. C. Railway Act to apply.

13. The railway or tramway herein provided for shall be completed within one year from the coming into force of this Act. Completion of railway.

14. The Company shall be bound to carry over its line of railway, without charge, all persons whose transportation would otherwise be a charge against the Government of the Province, and also all members of the Legislature Transportation of Government employees.

15. No Chinese or Japanese persons shall be employed in the construction of the undertaking or the working of the railway. Employment of Chinese or Japanese prohibited.

16. The preceding two sections are hereby declared to be conditions upon which this Act is passed, and it shall be binding upon bondholders and all other persons in anyway interested in the said Company or its property. In case either of the said preceding two sections are violated, Effect of preceding two sections.

such violation shall work a forfeiture of all powers and privileges granted by this Act, but no such forfeiture shall operate except upon proceedings instituted in the Supreme Court of British Columbia by the Attorney-General.

Effect of obtaining declaration that work for general advantage of Canada.

17. In case at any time the said railway is declared by the Parliament of Canada to be a work for the general advantage of Canada, then all powers and privileges granted by this Act or by the "British Columbia Railway Act" shall thereupon cease and determine.

Deposit of security that \$5,000 will be expended on surveys, etc., before 1st November, 1899.

18. The Company shall, within three months after the coming into force of this Act, deposit with the Minister of Finance and Agriculture the sum of one thousand dollars, either in cash or securities approved by said Minister, as security that the Company will expend not less than five thousand dollars in surveys or construction of the railway hereby authorised to be built, before the first day of November, 1899, 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 all the rights and privileges conferred by this Act shall be null and void.

Short title.

19. This Act may be cited as the "Atlin Short Line Railway Act, 1899."

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