



CHAPTER cxii.

An Act to extend the powers for the purchase of Lands and the time for the completion of the Great Northern and City Railway. A.D. 1895.
[6th July 1895.]

WHEREAS by the Great Northern and City Railway Act 1892 (in this Act referred to as "the Act of 1892") the Great Northern and City Railway Company (in this Act called "the Company") were incorporated and authorised to make a railway from the Canonbury Branch of the Great Northern Railway near Finsbury Park to the City of London and to raise capital for the purpose :

And whereas the powers granted to the Company by the Act of 1892 for the compulsory purchase of lands will expire on the twenty-eighth day of June one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five and the powers of the Company for the construction and completion of the railways and works will expire on the twenty-eighth day of June one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven :

And whereas it is expedient that the powers of the Company for the compulsory purchase of lands should be extended and that the time for completing the railways and works should also be extended as herein-after provided :

And whereas the purposes of this Act cannot be effected without the authority of Parliament :

May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted and be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal and Commons in this present Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited for all purposes as the Great Northern and City Railway Act 1895. Short title.

2. Part II. (relating to extension of time) of the Railways Clauses Act 1863 is incorporated with and forms part of this Act. Part II. of Railways Clauses Act 1863 incorporated.

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Interpre-
tation.

3. In this Act the several words and expressions to which meanings are assigned by the Act partially incorporated herewith have the same respective meanings unless there be something in the subject or context repugnant to such construction and for the purposes of this Act the expression "superior courts" or "court of competent jurisdiction" or any other like expression in this Act or the Act partially incorporated herewith shall be read and have effect as if the debt or demand with respect to which the expression is used were a simple contract debt and not a debt or demand created by statute.

Extending
powers for
compulsory
purchase
of lands.

4. The powers of the Company under the Act of 1892 for the compulsory purchase of lands for the purposes of the railways and works thereby authorised are hereby extended and may be exercised by the Company at any time within but shall cease after the expiration of two years from the passing of this Act.

Extending
period
limited for
completion
of railways
and works.

5. The period limited by the Act of 1892 for the completion of the railways and works thereby authorised is hereby extended for a period of three years from the twenty-eighth day of June one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

If railways
and works
are not
completed
within ex-
tended
period
powers to
cease.

6. If the railways and works shall not be completed within the extended period granted by this Act then on the expiration of such period the powers by the recited Act and this Act conferred on the Company for making and completing the same or otherwise in relation thereto shall cease except as to so much thereof as shall then be completed.

Restriction
on taking
houses of
labouring
class.

7.—(1.) The Company shall not under the powers of the Act of 1892 as extended by this Act purchase or acquire in any parish in the metropolis as defined by the Metropolis Management Act 1855 twenty or more houses which on the fifteenth day of December next before the passing of this Act or of the former Act by which such purchase or acquisition was originally authorised as the case may be were occupied either wholly or partially by persons belonging to the labouring class as tenants or lodgers or except with the consent of the Secretary of State for the Home Department twenty or more houses in any such parish which were not so occupied on the said fifteenth day of December but have been or shall be subsequently so occupied.

(2.) The expression "labouring class" includes mechanics artisans labourers and others working for wages hawkers costermongers persons not working for wages but working at some trade or handicraft without employing others except members of their own family and persons other than domestic servants whose income does

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not exceed an average of thirty shillings a week and the families of any such persons who may be residing with them. A.D. 1895.

8. Nothing in this Act contained shall exempt the Company or the railway from the provisions of any general Act relating to railways or the better or more impartial audit of the accounts of railway companies now in force or which may hereafter pass during this or any future Session of Parliament or from any future revision or alteration under the authority of Parliament of the maximum rates of fares and charges or of the rates for small parcels authorised by the Act of 1892. Provision as
to general
Railway
Acts.

9. All costs charges and expenses of and incident to the preparing for obtaining and passing of this Act or otherwise in relation thereto shall be paid by the Company. Costs of Act.

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