

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.



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No. 35 of 1912.

AN ACT to authorise the Construction of an additional line of Railway from Merredin to Coolgardie, on the Fremantle-Kalgoorlie Railway.

[Assented to 10th October, 1912.]

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of Western Australia, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the *Fremantle-Kalgoorlie (Merredin-Coolgardie Section) Railway Act, 1912.* Short title.

2. It shall be lawful to construct and maintain a railway, with a gauge of four feet eight and a-half inches, from Merredin to Coolgardie, with all necessary, proper, and usual works and conveniences in connection therewith, along the line described in the Schedule to this Act. Authority to construct.

3. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Public Works Act, 1902, it shall be lawful for the Minister for Works to deviate from the line as described in such Schedule to the extent of five miles on either side thereof. Deviation.

Power to Governor to compulsorily purchase land within 15 miles of railway.

4. At any time after the passing of this Act, and until the expiration of twelve months from the publication of notice in the *Government Gazette* declaring the railway open for traffic, the Governor may—

- (a.) with the object of encouraging the cultivation and settlement of the land, compulsorily purchase any land in parcels of not less than one thousand acres, each parcel being the property of one person or two or more persons, jointly or in common, and situated within fifteen miles of any part of the line of railway, and which land is certified by the Minister for Lands as suitable for closer agricultural settlement;
- (b.) compulsorily purchase any land situated as aforesaid for townsites:

Provided that no land shall be compulsorily purchased under paragraph (a) of this section until the Land Purchase Board has favourably reported thereon.

Purchase money to be determined under Public Works Act, 1902.

5. On the determination by the Governor from time to time to exercise the power conferred by the last preceding section, any land within such defined limits may be taken under the Public Works Act, 1902, and the provisions of that Act shall apply, and the amount of the purchase money shall be determined as compensation is determined under that Act:

Provided that, on the exercise of any such power, or on the acquisition by the Governor within the said period of land situated as aforesaid for any work within the meaning of the Public Works Act, 1902, no regard shall be had to any increased value occasioned by the railway, and the purchase money shall be assessed at the probable and reasonable price which the land, with any improvements thereon, or the estate or interest of the claimant therein, might have been expected to realise if offered for sale at the date the land was taken, and if the railway had not been constructed or authorised.

Governor may require surrender to be made.

6. Before the purchase money is paid for any land compulsorily purchased under the authority of this Act, the Governor may require the claimant to execute a surrender, conveyance, or transfer of the land to the Crown, or as the Governor may direct, free from all encumbrances.

Application of 60 Vict., No. 26.

7. All such lands acquired under paragraph (a) of section four shall be dealt with under the provisions of the Agricultural Lands Purchase Act, 1896, and the purchase money may be paid out of any moneys authorised to be raised and expended by that Act, or as therein prescribed.

SCHEDULE.

Description of Line of Railway.

Commencing at a point in or near Merredin Railway Station, on the Fremantle-Kalgoorlie Railway, and proceeding thence in an Easterly direction generally alongside the said Railway, terminating at a point in or near the Coolgardie Railway Station; as more particularly delineated and coloured red on map marked P.W.D., W.A., 16574, deposited pursuant to 2 Edward VII., No. 47, Sec. 96.

Total length, about 183 miles.