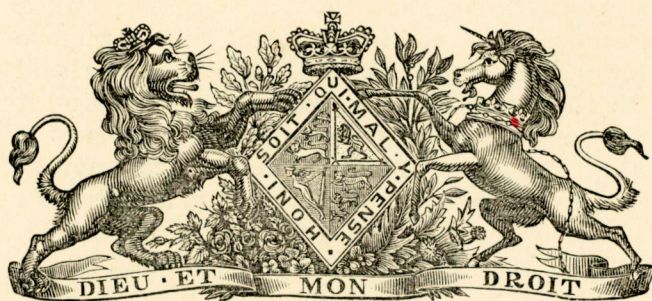


*This PRIVATE BILL originated in the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, and, having this day passed, is now ready for presentation to the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY for its concurrence.*

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 27th May, 1896.* }

JOHN J. CALVERT,  
*Clerk of the Parliaments.*

## New South Wales.



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An Act to authorise the maintenance and use of a tramway which has been constructed from the Co-operative Mine, situate on the Wentworth Estate, in the parish of Hexham, county of Northumberland, in the Colony of New South Wales, to the screens above the Co-operative Railway-line, and which said tramway crosses various streets and ways in the Borough of Plattsburg; and to enable William George Laidley, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns to divert the course of Kenrick-street, between Wentworth-street and Fletcher-street, and giving him compulsory powers to acquire lands forming the site of the said tramway.

**W**HEREAS the Honorable William George Laidley, Member of the Legislative Council, is the proprietor under a lease dated the first day of June, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, made between Sarah Wentworth and Fitzwilliam Wentworth of the one part, and the said William George Laidley of the other part, of a mine called the Co-operative Coal-mine, situate in the parish of Hexham in this Colony, and is also proprietor of a tramway running from the pit's mouth of the said mine to the screens above the Co-operative railway line: And whereas Macquarie-street, in the borough of Plattsburg, crosses the said tramway by a bridge, and the said tramway crosses Wentworth-street, in the same borough, by a level crossing, and crosses Kenrick-street and Fletcher-street by an embankment: And whereas the said tramway was constructed by the said

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William George Laidley, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine, in pursuance of a resolution passed by the council of the borough of Plattsburg, on the seventeenth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine, in the words and figures following: "That this council give full permission to William Laidley, Esquire, to run a tram road along and across the following streets, on a level crossing, namely, Macquarie, Wentworth, Kenrick, Fletcher, and all other streets and roads on the proposed route of tramway from the present screens at the old to the new tunnel; and to use the same for the purpose of conveying coal, stone, timber, coke, and all other material, at the option of the said William Laidley, Esquire, for twenty years, without charge, let, or hindrance; and the said William Laidley, Esquire, his heirs and executors, to be at liberty at any time to remove and renew all plant, material, and erections connected with the said tramway at any time he or they may think proper so to do: And it is further resolved that this council will at once erect and construct at the expense of the council all bridges and embankments necessary to carry the street traffic over the tramway": Whereas it is alleged that the said council had no power or authority to grant such permission, and it is therefore expedient to authorise the maintenance and use of the said tramway: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be called and cited as the "Co-operative Colliery Tramway Act, 1895." Short title.

2. The said William George Laidley, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns shall be deemed to have, from the commencement of this Act, the right to construct, maintain, and use the said tramway for the carriage of coal, coke, stone, timber, and all other materials over, under, or on the level of Macquarie-street, and all other streets or public ways in the route of the said tramway as at present constructed, or as authorised by this Act. Legalisation of tramway.

3. Where the said tramway crosses any street or road, below or above the level of such street, or road, then either such road shall be carried over the tramway or the tramway shall be carried over such road by means of a bridge of the height and width with the ascent and descent by this Act in that behalf hereinafter provided; and any such bridge, with the immediate approaches and all other necessary works connected therewith, shall be executed by, and be at all times thereafter maintained at the expense of, the said William George Laidley, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns; and the said William George Laidley, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns shall be liable in damages for any accident that may happen through want of repair or otherwise of any such bridge or its immediate approaches as aforesaid. Power to carry tramway under, over, or on level of streets, &c.

4. The said William George Laidley shall erect and maintain in good repair a substantial two-railed fence on each side of the tramline from Macquarie-street to the bridge at Spargo's lane, except at the Wentworth and Fletcher-street crossing; and where the said tramway crosses Wentworth-street on the level, the said William George Laidley shall erect and maintain good and sufficient gates across the tramway on each side of the street, and shall employ at his expense a proper person to open and shut such gates, and such gates shall be kept closed across the tramway, except when sets of skips are passing along the tramway across such street. And at the Fletcher-street crossing the said William George Laidley shall erect suitable gates for vehicular traffic. Erection of fence and gates.

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5. It shall be lawful for the said William George Laidley, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, his or their servants, agents, and workmen, to alter or divert the course of Kenrick-street, between Wentworth and Fletcher streets, in order the more conveniently to carry the same by the side of the said tramway.

Power to divert  
Kenrick-street.

6. It shall be lawful for the said William George Laidley, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, his or their servants, agents, and workmen, to tunnel under the roads, streets, or ways in the route of the said tramway, or any of them, for the purpose of carrying the said tramway across the said roads, streets, or ways underground: Provided that in so doing the said William George Laidley, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns shall not, except temporarily for the purpose of constructing such tunnel or tunnels thereunder, interfere with or disturb the surface of the said roads, streets, or ways, and shall permanently secure the said surface by constructing proper supports thereunder.

Power to tunnel  
under roads in route  
of tramway.

7. This Act shall charge and make liable the said William George Laidley, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns for any accident or damage that may happen on the said streets or roads, in the borough of Plattsburg, over which the tramway passes, provided that the accident or damage shall be caused by, through, or in consequence of the said tramway, or the running of trucks or wire cables thereon.

Liability of W. G.  
Laidley.

8. Where the tramway crosses any road or street, on an embankment, the descent made in the road or street, in order to carry the same under the tramway, shall not be more than one foot in twenty feet.

Grade on roads pass-  
ing under tramway.

9. Every bridge erected for carrying any road or street over the tramway shall be built in conformity with the following regulations, that is to say:—There shall be a good and sufficient fence on each side of the bridge of not less height than four feet, and on each side of the immediate approaches of such bridge of not less than three feet. The road over the bridge shall have a clear space between the fences thereof of thirty feet. The ascent shall not be more than one foot in twenty feet: Provided that this Act shall not apply to any bridge already constructed in the route of the said tramway.

Regulations as to  
building of bridges.

10. Where the tramway traverses any street or road, on a level, it shall be laid at about the general level of such thoroughfares, and so that the rails or wire cables shall not project above the surface thereof more than is absolutely necessary in the due working of the tramway.

Tramway to be laid  
on general level of  
thoroughfares.

11. If the said William George Laidley, his executors, administrators, or assigns shall be desirous of purchasing any land or interest in land forming the site or part of the site of the said tramway as at present constructed, it shall be lawful for the said William George Laidley, his executors, administrators, or assigns, as the case may be, within ten years from the commencement of this Act, to give notice of the land so required to be purchased to all the parties interested in the said land, or to such of them as shall be known to the said William George Laidley, his heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns. Every such notice shall state—(a) the particulars of the land so required as aforesaid; (b) that the said William George Laidley, his heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns is or are willing to treat as to the compensation to be made to all parties for the land required, and the damage sustained or to be sustained by them by the exercise of the powers conferred by the Act; and (c) shall demand in the said notice from such parties, and the said parties are hereby required to deliver forthwith to the said William George Laidley, his heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns the particulars of their estate and interest in such land

Power to purchase  
lands forming site of  
tramway. Notice to  
be given.

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land and of the claims made by them in respect thereof, and such other particulars in such form as may be prescribed, together with an abstract of their title to such land, and if they claim in respect of damage the nature of the damage which they have sustained or will  
5 sustain by reason of the taking of such land.

12. All notices required to be served upon or given by the said William George Laidley, his heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns to the parties interested in or entitled to sell any such lands, shall either be served personally on such parties or affixed in a conspicuous  
10 position upon the said land, and a copy of the said notice shall be published once a week for four consecutive weeks in a Plattsburg newspaper and similarly in the *Government Gazette*.

13. On the publication in the *Government Gazette* of the first of such notices the land specified in the said notice shall without any  
15 conveyance vest in the said William George Laidley, his heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns, as the case may be, for the purposes of the tramway for an estate in fee simple, and the estate and interest of every person entitled to such land or any part thereof shall be taken  
20 from the date aforesaid to have been converted into a claim for compensation in pursuance of the provisions hereinafter contained.

14. If for twenty-eight days after the service of such notice the persons whose land is required to be taken or any of them omit to state the particulars of their or his claim in respect of such land, or fail to agree as to the amount of compensation to be paid by the said  
25 William George Laidley, his heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns, for the interest in the said lands of such persons or any of them, or for any damage that may be sustained by them or him by reason of the execution of the works, or if any other question as to compensation shall arise under this Act, the amount of such compensation shall  
30 be settled by arbitrators in manner hereinafter mentioned, but the persons or person claiming compensation shall not be at liberty to institute any proceeding for the recovery of the amount of his claim until after the expiration of fourteen days from the delivery of the particulars required by this Act to be furnished by them or him.

15. When any question of disputed compensation, or any other  
35 dispute shall have arisen, then, unless both parties shall concur in the appointment of a single arbitrator, each party, on the request of the other party, shall nominate and appoint an arbitrator to whom such dispute or other matter shall be referred; and every appointment of  
40 an arbitrator shall be executed by such party, and such appointment shall be delivered to the arbitrator or arbitrators, and shall be deemed a submission to arbitration on the part of the party by whom the same shall be made; and after any such appointment shall have been made  
45 neither party shall have power to revoke the same without the consent of the other, nor shall the death of either party operate as a revocation; and the award of such arbitrator or arbitrators or umpire, if appointed as hereinafter provided, shall be final.

16. If after any such dispute or other matter shall have arisen, and after a request in writing setting forth the matter to be referred  
50 to arbitration shall have been served by the one party on the other party to appoint an arbitrator, such last-mentioned party fail for a period of fourteen days to appoint such arbitrator, then upon such failure it shall be lawful for the party making such request, who has himself appointed an arbitrator, to appoint such arbitrator to act on  
55 behalf of both parties, and such arbitrator may proceed to hear and determine the matter which shall be in dispute, and in such case the award or determination of such single arbitrator shall be final and conclusive.

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17. If before the matter so referred shall be determined, any arbitrator appointed by either party shall die, or become incapable, or refuse, or for fourteen days neglect to act as arbitrator, the party by whom such arbitrator was appointed may nominate and appoint in writing some other person to act in his place, and if for the space of seven days after notice in writing in that behalf from the other party he fails to do so, the remaining or other arbitrator may proceed alone, and every arbitrator so to be substituted as aforesaid shall have the same powers and authorities as were vested in the former arbitrator at the time of such his death, refusal, neglect, or disability as aforesaid.

Vacancy in arbitration to be supplied.

18. When more than one arbitrator shall have been appointed such arbitrators shall, before they enter upon the matters referred to them, nominate and appoint by writing under their hands an umpire to decide any matters on which they shall differ or which shall be referred to them under the provisions of this Act, and if such umpire shall die or refuse, or for seven days neglect, to act after being called upon to do so by the arbitrators, they shall forthwith, after such death, refusal, or neglect, appoint another umpire in his place, and the decision of every such umpire on the matters so referred to him shall be final.

Umpire.

19. If in either of the cases aforesaid the arbitrator or arbitrators shall refuse or for seven days after request of either party to such arbitration neglect to appoint an umpire, it shall be lawful for any judge of the Supreme Court on the application of either party to such arbitration to appoint an umpire, and the decision of such umpire on the matters on which the arbitrators shall differ, or which shall be referred to him under this Act, shall be final.

Supreme Court Judge to appoint arbitrator on refusal, &c.

20. If where a single arbitrator shall have been appointed, such arbitrator shall die or become incapable, or shall refuse, or for fourteen days neglect to act before he shall have made his award, the matters referred to him shall be determined by arbitration under the provisions of this Act in the same manner as if such arbitrator had not been appointed.

Death, &c., of single arbitrator.

21. If where more than one arbitrator shall have been appointed, and where neither of them shall refuse or neglect to act as aforesaid, such arbitrators shall fail to make their award within twenty-one days after the day on which the last of such arbitrators shall have been appointed or within such extended time (if any) as shall have been appointed for that purpose by both of such arbitrators under their hands, the matter referred to them shall be determined by the umpire to be appointed as aforesaid.

If arbitrators fail to make award within twenty-one days matter to go to umpire.

22. The said arbitrators or their umpire may call for the production of any documents in the possession or power of either party which they or he may think necessary for determining the question in dispute, and may examine the parties or their witnesses on oath, and administer the oaths necessary for that purpose.

Power of arbitrators to call for books, &c.

23. Before any arbitrator or umpire shall enter into the consideration of any matters referred to him he shall, in the presence of a justice of the peace, make and subscribe the following declaration, that is to say—

Arbitrators and umpire to make declaration for faithful discharge of duties.

I, A.B., do solemnly and sincerely declare that I will faithfully and honestly, and to the best of my skill and ability, herein determine the matters referred to me under the provisions of the Co-operative Colliery Tramway Act, 1895.

Made and subscribed in the presence of A. B. ;

and such declaration shall be annexed to the award when made, and if any arbitrator or umpire having made such declaration shall wilfully act contrary thereto he shall be guilty of a misdemeanour.

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24. For the purpose of ascertaining the amount of compensation to be paid by the said William George Laidley, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns regard shall in every case be had by the arbitrators or their umpire (as the case may be) not only to the value  
 5 of the land taken, but also to the damage (if any) to be sustained by the owner of the lands by reason of the severing of the lands taken from other lands of such owner, or otherwise injuriously affecting such other lands by the exercise of any of the powers under this Act by the said William George Laidley, his heirs, executors, administrators, and  
 10 assigns, and they shall assess accordingly.

Damage and severance to be considered by arbitrators

25. All costs of any such arbitration and incident thereto to be settled by the arbitrators shall be borne by the said William George Laidley, his heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns, unless the arbitrators shall award the same sum as or a less sum than shall have  
 15 been offered by the said William George Laidley, his heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns, in which case each party shall bear his own costs incident to the arbitration, and the cost of the arbitrators shall be borne by the parties in equal proportions, unless the amount awarded shall be one-fourth less than the amount claimed, in which case the  
 20 whole costs shall be paid by the claimant, and the arbitrators shall direct the payment thereof accordingly: Provided that if either party shall be dissatisfied with the costs allowed by the arbitrators as aforesaid, the costs may be taxed by the Prothonotary or other proper officer of the Supreme Court, and the amount allowed by such officer shall be  
 25 the amount of costs to be paid.

Cost of arbitration.

26. The arbitrators shall deliver their award in writing to the said William George Laidley, his heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns, who shall retain the same, and shall forthwith, on demand, furnish a copy thereof to the other party, and shall at all times, on  
 30 demand, produce the said award, and allow the same to be inspected or examined by such party, or any person appointed by him for that purpose; and the amount awarded shall be paid within sixty days after the publication of such award.

Award to be delivered to W. G. Laidley.

27. The submission to any such arbitration may be made a rule  
 35 of the Supreme Court on the application of either of the parties.

Submission may be made rule of court.

28. No award made with respect to any question referred to arbitration under the provisions of this Act shall be set aside for irregularity or error in matter of form.

Award not void through error in form.