

purposes; to charter, build, purchase and hold steamships, steamboats, tugs, barges, lighters and other vessels to ply in connection with said railroad to any port or ports, place or places whatsoever, and to contract with any other railroad, steamship and steamboat line or company for the transportation of freight and passengers.

Authority to  
consolidate  
with other  
roads.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That the said Pearson and Baltimore Railroad Company shall have power to unite, connect and consolidate with any railroad company or companies, either in or out of this State, so that the capital stock of said companies so united, connected and consolidated, respectively, may, at the pleasure of the directors, constitute a common stock, and the respective companies may thereafter constitute one company and be entitled to all the property, franchises, rights and privileges and immunities which each of them possess, have and enjoy under and by virtue of their respective charters.

Power to lease  
or purchase  
railroads.

SEC. 7. *And be it enacted*, That the Pearson and Baltimore Railroad Company shall have power to lease or purchase and operate any railroad or railroads, either in or out of this State, for the purpose of carrying on their business, and any other railroad in this State shall have the right to lease or sell its railroad or other property to the Pearson and Baltimore Railroad Company.

Adoption of  
routes.

SEC. 8. *And be it enacted*, That the said board of directors of said corporation shall have the power and right to adopt any route or routes for the said railroad between the terminals mentioned in this Act as to them shall seem most suitable and proper, and shall have power, when necessary, to cross all navigable rivers, streams or creeks, as well as rivers, streams or creeks not navigable, by suitable bridges or causeways, and also the right to cross the lines of other railroads and condemn easements therein.

Privilege to in-  
crease capital  
stock.

SEC. 9. *And be it enacted*, That the capital stock of said company shall be two hundred thousand dollars, with the privilege to increase the same to two million dollars, and be divided into shares of ten dollars each, which shall be collected by the directors of said railroad company in such instalments and at such times and places as they may appoint and require, and if any subscriber to said stock shall neglect or fail to pay any instalments or part or parts of their subscriptions thus demanded for the space of twenty days next after the time the same shall be due and payable, the stock on which it is demanded shall, at the pleasure of said directors, be forfeited to the company