same manner, as if such debts, liabilities and duties had been originally incurred by it.

245. Any railroad company heretofore or hereafter

Ibid. s. 24.

Company may aid other companies.

incorporated, may at any time, by means of subscription to the capital of any other company, or otherwise aid such company in the construction of its railroad, for the purpose of forming a connection of said last mentioned road with the road owned by the company furnishing said aid; or any railroad company organized in pursuance of law, may lease or purchase any part, or all of any railroad, constructed by any other company, if said companies' lines of said road are continuous or connected as aforesaid, upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed on between said companies respectively; or any two or more railroad companies whose lines are so connected, may enter into any arrangement for their common benefit, consistent with and calculated to promote the objects for which they were created; provided, that no such aid shall be furnished, nor any purchase, lease or arrangement perfected, until a meeting of the stockholders of each of said companies shall have been called by the directors thereof, at such time and place and in such manner as they shall designate, and the holders of at least twothirds of the stock of such company represented at such meeting, in person or by proxy, and voting thereat, shall have assented thereto.

Lease or purchase connecting roads

Proviso.

Stockholders to approve.

1bid. s. 26.

Trains must stop at stations.

Penalty.

246. Every railroad company in the state shall cause all its trains of cars for passengers to entirely stop upon each arrival at a station advertised by such company as a station for receiving passengers upon such trains, at least one-half of one minute; and every company, and every person in the employment of such company, that shall violate, or cause or permit to be violated, the provisions of this section, shall be liable to a forfeiture of not more than one hundred nor less than twenty dollars, to be recovered in an action of debt, upon the complaint of any person, before any justice of the peace of the county in which such violation shall occur; and in all cases in which a forfeiture shall occur under the