

by either party; and thereupon the court shall, at the next term after the filing of said return proceed to examine the same, and unless good cause is shown shall approve and confirm the same, and such order of confirmation shall be sufficient authority for the erection, use and occupancy of such bridge in accordance with such plan; provided, that no railroad company shall be authorized to construct any permanent bridge over any canal of this State, which shall be less than twelve feet in the clear above the top water-line of said canal, and the piers and abutments of such bridge shall be placed so as not in any manner to contract the width of the canal, or interfere with free passage on the towing-path.

1876, ch. 242, sec. 22.

178. No railroad company heretofore or hereafter incorporated under the laws of this State, shall enter into any agreement for the consolidation of such railroad company with any other railroad company, or aid any other railroad company in the construction of its railroad, by means of subscription to the capital stock of such other railroad company, or otherwise, or shall lease or purchase all or any part of any railroad constructed by any other railroad company without the authority of an act of assembly authorizing it to enter into such agreement or to give such aid, or to make such lease or purchase, being first had and obtained.

Ibid. sec. 23.

179. Every railroad company in this 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 provisions of this section, the company whose agents shall cause or permit such violation shall be liable for the amount of such forfeiture; and in all cases, the conductor upon