

1888, art. 23, sec. 202. 1868, ch. 471, sec. 217.

291. No railroad or mining company formed or organized under any of the provisions of this article, or which has organized under any existing laws, charter or act of the general assembly of this State, shall own, conduct or carry on any store, or have any interest in any store, or receive any portion of the profits thereof; but nothing herein contained shall prevent the employes of any corporation from forming co-operative stores.

Ibid. sec. 203. 1868, ch. 471, sec. 218.

292. Any railroad company incorporated under the laws of this State may own and operate any line of steamships or steamboats, or may subscribe to or hold the stock of any company owning and operating such steamships or steamboats, where such steamships and steamboats can be used wholly or in part in connection with the business of said railroad company.

State v. B. & O. R. R. Co., 48 Md. 79.

Ibid. sec. 204. 1876, ch. 159. 1896, ch. 143

293. The property, real and personal, of each and every railroad company in this State, working their roads by steam, shall be assessed and taxed for county and municipal purposes in the same manner as the property of individuals is now assessed and taxed; and the authorities of the several counties and the city of Baltimore are hereby authorized and directed to proceed to assess and collect taxes on said property in the same manner as upon like property of individuals now assessed and taxed or liable to assessment and taxation by the laws of this State; provided, that no extra assessment shall be made and no extra or special tax shall be levied or collected on any bridge or bridges over streams, or on any tunnel forming any part of the roadway of any railroad or railroads in this State, it being the meaning and intent of this section that any bridge over streams or any tunnel forming a portion of the roadway of any of said railroads shall be valued at the same rate that any other equal portion of said road is valued.

Appeal Tax Court v. Union R. R. Co.—*Same v. West. Md. R. R. Co.*, 50 Md. 274. *P. W. & B. R. R. Co. v. Appeal Tax Court*, 50 Md 397.

1904, ch. 620.

294. Every railroad company incorporated under the laws of this State shall have the right, wherever it considers that the crossing of its tracks by a public highway is dangerous, to