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An Act respecting the Atlas Loan Company.

WHEREAS the Atlas Loan Company has, by its petition, Preamble. prayed that it be enacted as hereinafter set forth, and it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition: Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of 5 the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows :---

1. Section 2 of chapter 92 of the statutes of 1898 is hereby 1898, c. 92, s. 2 amended. amended by adding thereto the following subsection :---

- "2. The directors of the new Company may convert one- Preferred 10 third of the ordinary paid up capital stock of the new Company stock. into preferred stock, giving the same such preference and priority as respects dividends and capital and otherwise over ordinary stock as may be declared by by-law; but no such by- Approval of shareholders. law shall have any force or effect until it is approved by
- 15 the votes of the shareholders representing at least three-fourths in value of the subscribed stock of the new Company present or represented by proxy at a special general meeting of the new Company duly called for the purpose of considering it. nor shall any such by-law, nor the issue of preference
- 20 stock created thereby, in any way affect, prejudice or impair the rights of the creditors of the new Company."

2. Paragraph (b.) of section 9 of the said Act is hereby Section 9 repealed, and the following is substituted therefor :---

"(b.) the debentures, bonds, stocks and other securities of Debentures 25 any government, or any municipal or school corporation stocks, etc. whereby such corporation may lawfully pledge its credit; or any chartered bank (to the extent of not more than twenty per cent of the paid up capital stock of such bank); or a company incorporated by or under the authority of the

- 30 Parliament of Great Britain and Ireland, or Canada, or of the legislature of any former, present, or future province of Canada; or on the fully paid up stock of any permanent building society, or loan company incorporated as aforesaid; provided Proviso as that the new Company shall not lend upon the security of, or to bills and notes.
- 35 purchase or invest in bills of exchange or promissory notes."

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