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## BILL.

No. 136.

An Act to increase the Capital Stock of La Banque du Peuple, and for other purposes.

THEREAS La Banque du Peuple has prayed to be permitted to in- Preamble. crease its Capital Stock, and it is expedient to grant its prayer: Be it enacted &c., as follows:

I. It shall be lawful for La Banque du Peuple to add to its present Bank may add 5 Capital Stock, the sum of two hundred thousand pounds currency, divid- Steek. ed into sixteen thousand shares of twelve pounds ten shillings currency each; which shares may be subscribed for either in or out of this Province, in such proportions or numbers, and at such times and places, and under such regulations as the Members of the Corporation of the said La Banque 10 du Peuple shall deem meet; the shares subscribed for shall be paid in, by such instalments and at such times and places, as the Members of the said Corporation shall appoint; but no share shall be held to be lawfully subscribed for, unless ten per centum thereof, at the least, be paid at the time of subscribing; and the provisions of the ninth Section of the Charter or

15 Act of Incorporation of the said Bank passed in the seventh year of Her Majesty's Reign, and intituled "An Act to incorporate certain 7 Vio Cap. 66 persons carrying on the business of Banking in the City of Montreal under the cited. name of La Banque du Peuple," shall be applicable to all cases in which instalments on shares subscribed for under this Act shall be unpaid; and all 20 other the provisions of the said Act of Incorporation and of a certain other Act passed in the eleventh year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled An Act to amend the Act incorporating La Banque du Peuple, shall 11 Vic. Cap. likewise be applicable to the sixteen thousand shares hereby authorised to 62 cited.

II. Provided always, that the said Bank shall not be compelled to open Books of subbooks of subscription for the whole number of shares authorised by this scription need books of subscription for the whole number or snares authorised by this not be opened. Act, at one and the same time, but it shall and may be lawful for the at same time. Members of the Corporation of the said La Banque du Peuple, and they for all the are hereby authorised from time to time, to limit the number of shares for Shares. 30 which the books of subscription shall be opened as aforesaid at any one time, as they in their discretion may deem most advisable.

be added to the said Capital Stock.

III. Provided also that the Members of the said Corporation may at any Augmentation time by a By-law made for that purpose either before or after the opening may be restricted the books of subscription for the said augmentation of Capital or any ted by By-law. 35 portion thereof, restrict the said augmentation of Capital, to any amount they may judge more advantageous to the said La Banque du Peuple.

IV. If the interest in any share in the said Bank become transmitted in Bank may reconsequence of the death or bankruptcy, or insolvency of any shareholder, quire proof of or in consequence of the marriage of a female sharehoder, or by any ership of Stock 40 other lawful means than by a transfer according to the provisions of the otherwise than