any two of them, and so as to secure regular and uninterrupted transit of passengers and goods over the road between Lennox-ville and Sherbrooke, and render the same part and portion of the St. Francis and Megantic International Railway terminating at Sherbrooke.

4. It shall be lawful for the Directors of the St. Francis and Directors may Megantic International Railway Company, at any time hereafter, arrangements if it shall be found advisable to do so, to enter into any agree-with other ment with any other Railway Company or Companies whereby timing the ment with any other Railway Company or Companies whereby timing the state of the stat 10 their said Railway may be made to form a part or link of railway communication between the Atlantic seaboard and the Pacific or between the Atlantic and any western terminus less distant than the Pacific ocean, with a view of obtaining as direct a line of railway as is practicable from St. John's to the Western 15 possessions of Canada, and to make any regulations whereby terms may be settled upon, for securing mutual advantages to the companies interested, and rules established to be acted upon in common to facilitate the transport of freight and passengers over the whole line of Railway of which said Railway shall 20 form a part; or for leasing said Railway or any part thereof, or acquiring by lease any Railway or any portion of any Railway, to carry out such purpose and secure such continuous line of railway as aforesaid; provided no such lease as acquisition by Proviso. lease shall have effect until ratified by the majority of share-25 holders present at any annual meeting or a meeting duly called

to consider the same.