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BILL.

[No. 123.

An Act to amend the Act incorporating the Montreal and New York Railroad Company, and for other purposes.

WHEREAS the Montreal and New York Railroad Company have Preamble. by their petition to the Legislature represented that amendments are required to the Acts in force regulating the Company, for their advantage and the protection of their creditors and the payment of their 5 debts, and it is expedient to grant the same: Be it enacted, &c.,

proprietors of the Company at a meeting to be specially called for the dispose as their property 10 purpose, from a statement of the affairs and business of the Company, in should it writing under the hand of their President and Secretary respectively for prove univerthe time being and submitted to the said proprietors that the revenue and inunerative returns of the traffic and business of the said Railroad or of any or either portion of the said Railroad, to wit; the portion of the said road from Mon-15 treal to Lachine known as the Montreal and Lachine Railroa, and the portion of the Road from Caughnawaga to the Province line, known as "The Lake Saint Louis and Province Line Railway," shall be unremunerative or insufficient to: be continued without loss and that the Company will be unable therefrom to meet and pay the engagements and lia-20 bilities due by or charged or secured upon the said Railroad or any such portions thereof respectively, the said proprietors shall have power by a vote of two-thirds of their number present at such meeting or thereto represented by proxy: 1st. To sell and dispose of the said Railroad or any or either of the said portions thereof so unremunerative, or the stock pro-25 perty and effects thereof or any part of the same either, by public auction or private bargain, and upon such terms and conditions as the said meeting by such vote shall direct and order; or, 2nd. To amalgamate the Or to amalgasaid Montreal and New York Railway Company with any other Pro-mate their vincial Incorporated Railroad Company, either for the Railroad or any other 30 of the said portions thereof together with the stock, property and effects of Provincial the same or either of them, upon terms and conditions to be agreed upon Railway or to between the Companies: 3rd. To lease the Railroad or any of the norbetween the Companies; 3rd. To lease the Railroad or any of the por-

tions aforesaid with or without their stock, property and effects, or with a portion of the same, to any such Provincial Incorporated Railroad Com-35 pany upon the terms and conditions to be approved in manner aforesaid;

thereof, either as to the whole of such agreement or any portion thereof,

ways, that the nett proceeds of such sale, amalgamation or lease, shall be applied, paid and distributed to no other purpose than the payment of the just debts and liabilities of the said Montreal and New York Railway Company, if the entire Railroad be sold, amalgamated or leased,

That notwithstanding anything in any Act in force with respect to the Company emsaid Company or regulating the same, whenever it shall appear to the powered to.

or, 4th. To adopt, ratify and confirm any agreement heretofore made for Or to confirm the sale, amalgamation or lease of the Railroad or any of the said sections thereof, with or without the stock, property and effects or any part amalgamation

40 and to amend the same as the said meeting may decide: Provided al- Proviso.