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An Act to make further provisions respecting "The Consolidated Bank of Canada."

[Assented to 15th May, 1879.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS The Consolidated Bank of Canada has, by its petition, represented that owing to recent heavy and unexpected losses the capital of the Bank has been impaired, and it has been found necessary to suspend the payment of dividends; that it is most important in the interest of the shareholders that the payment of dividends should be resumed at as early a date as possible, and that to accomplish that end it is necessary that the capital stock of the bank should be reduced immediately, to the extent of forty per cent.; and whereas it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition: Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:—

Nominal value of subscribed shares reduced.
 Proviso as to shares not paid up.

1. The nominal value of the existing subscribed shares of the said Bank shall be reduced to sixty dollars each on the first day of July, in the present year, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine: Provided always, that nothing herein contained or done hereunder shall in any way affect or diminish the present liability of holders of shares unpaid or not paid up in full, to pay up in full the amount of such shares to the present nominal amount thereof.

Votes after such reduction.

Transfers of stock.

2. From and after the said first day of July the votes by the shareholders of the said Bank shall be computed upon the basis of the new stock, and no transfer or other transaction of any kind or nature whatsoever shall thereafter be made or take place except in respect of the said new stock, and the Directors may thereupon close the transfer books of the Bank for a period not exceeding one week, for the purpose of re-arranging the stock books of the Bank.

When only the foregoing provisions shall take effect.

3. The foregoing provisions shall not take effect until this Act has been accepted by a resolution passed by a majority of votes at the now next annual general meeting of the shareholders, after due notice that such acceptance will be proposed thereat, or at a special general meeting of the shareholders called for the purpose of considering the proposed acceptance of this Act.

Liability to present creditors not affected.

4. Nothing in this Act shall be construed so as to lessen or vary the liability of the shareholders of "The Consolidated Bank of Canada" to the present creditors thereof.

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