him, in lieu of the debenture stock held by him, debenture stock of the Company on such terms as may be agreed upon.

Payment of unpaid stock.

22. In the case of any partly paid-up stock issued by the Company under section 21 of this Act, as the consideration in whole or in part of the purchase by the Company of the assets of any other company, the balance of such stock remaining unpaid may be made payable at such times as are agreed upon.

Decrease of capital.

23. The directors may, by by-law, provide for the decrease of the capital stock of the Company to any amount 10 not less than five hundred thousand dollars which they consider sufficient.

Contents of by-law.

2. Such by-law shall declare the number of the shares of the stock so decreased and the allotment thereof, or the rules by which the same is to be made.

Rights of creditors preserved.

3. The liability of shareholders to persons who are, at the time the stock is decreased, creditors of the Company shall remain as though the stock had not been decreased.

Requisites for validity of by-law.

24. No by-law for decreasing the capital stock of the Company shall have any force or effect unless and until it 20 has been sanctioned by a vote of the shareholders present or represented by proxy at a general meeting of the Company duly called for considering such by-law, such shareholders holding not less than two-thirds of the amount paid up upon the capital stock of the Company represented at such 25 meeting, and provided that such by-law has afterwards been confirmed by a certificate of the Minister of Finance given under the authority of the Treasury Board.

Certificate of Minister of Finance.

- Requisites for such certificate.
- 25. Upon the application to the Minister of Finance for a certificate confirming such a by-law, the Company 30 shall satisfy him of the bona fide character of the decrease of capital thereby provided for; and, unless it appears that the granting of such certificate would not be in the public interest, the Minister, with the approval of the Treasury Board, may grant the same: Provided that, with 35 the consent of the directors, the amount of such decrease of capital may, by the said certificate, be changed, and the decrease made subject to such conditions as the Treasury Board may think proper.

Debenture stock.

Proviso.

26. The directors of the Company may, with the consent 40 of the shareholders at a special general meeting duly called for the purpose, create and issue debenture stock in sterling or currency, in such amounts and manner, on such terms and bearing such rate of interest as the directors from time