

The present authorized capital of the Company is five hundred thousand dollars with power to the Company to increase such capital to one million dollars. In view of the growth of the Company and the size of its surplus it is considered expedient that the authorized capital should be increased to one million dollars with power to the Company to increase such capital to two million dollars.

The book value of the existing shares of the capital stock of the Company of the par value of one hundred dollars is in excess of eight hundred dollars for each share. With the continued growth of the Company and the resulting increase in the book value of the shares the Company deems it expedient that the par value of the shares be reduced to ten dollars in order to give the capital stock of the Company greater marketability. This is provided for in clause 2 of the Bill.

Section 4 of chapter 95 of the statutes of 1875 reads as follows:

"4. The capital stock of the said Association shall be five hundred thousand dollars, and shall be divided into five thousand shares of one hundred dollars each, which shares shall be and are hereby vested in the several persons who shall subscribe for the same: Provided always that it shall and may be lawful for the said Association to increase its capital stock to a sum not exceeding one million dollars, as a majority of the shareholders, at a special general meeting to be expressly convened for that purpose, shall agree upon."

The purpose of clause 3 is to subdivide the three thousand shares of the par value of one hundred dollars each, presently outstanding, into thirty thousand shares of the par value of ten dollars each.

Section 8 of the Act of incorporation of 1875 as amended by the Act of 1882 provides, *inter alia*, that notice of shareholders' meetings shall be given in accordance with section 6 of the 1875 Act which calls for fifteen days' continuous notice in a daily newspaper. The cost of inserting the usual form of annual notice for fifteen days is now well in excess of four hundred dollars. The amendment suggested in clause 4 would require only one insertion in at least two newspapers and is in line with the provisions of the *Canadian and British Insurance Companies Act*.

Section 8 of chapter 95 of the statutes of 1875 as amended by section 2 of chapter 102 of the statutes of 1882 reads as follows: