

BILL.

An Act to authorize the formation of a Company to construct a Railroad on the North Shore of the River St. Lawrence, from the City of Quebec to the City of Montreal, or to some convenient point on any Railway leading from Montreal to the Western Cities of this Province.

WHEREAS the construction of a Railway connecting the extremities of the Province must greatly conduce to promote the welfare and interests of its inhabitants, and it is therefore desirable that a Railway should be constructed to connect the City of Quebec in as direct a line as possible with the Railway projected to run westward from the City of Montreal, and thus to connect the latter by the most direct and advantageous line with the intended Railway from Quebec to the eastern limits of the Province; And whereas the most direct and advantageous line for the purposes aforesaid, passing through the most populous and important section of the Country, hath been found to be on the North Shore of the River St. Lawrence: Be it therefore enacted, &c.,

Preamble.

That the Mayor and Councillors of the City of Quebec, may cause books to be opened at any time after the passing of this Act, to receive the subscriptions of such persons, corporations, or other parties as may be desirous to take shares in the Stock of a Company for constructing the Railway referred to in the Preamble to this Act, and may keep such books open at the office of the said Corporation for such time as may be necessary: And at any time after £125,000 of the said Stock shall have been subscribed for, by not less than thirty distinct parties, the said Corporation may by a notice to be published at least times in the English and French languages in some three or more of the public newspapers published in the said City of Quebec, call a general meeting of the Subscribers, to be held at such place in the said City as shall be appointed by the said notice, and that at such meeting the Mayor of the said City, or in his absence any one of the Members of the City Council, may preside, and the City Clerk shall act as Secretary; and at such meeting the majority of the subscribers present thereat may select from among the persons having then subscribed for Stock of the intended Company to the amount of £100 or upwards, nine persons to be the first Directors of the intended Company: Provided always, that if at the first meeting so called, nine Directors should not be elected as aforesaid, then another meeting may be called in the manner aforesaid, by the Mayor and Councillors of the said City, giving notice thereof in the manner

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and call a general meeting for the election of Directors, when £125,000 is subscribed.

Proviso: of the meeting should fail to be held, &c.