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[1899.

An Act respecting the Portage du Fort and Bristol Branch Railway Company.

WHEREAS the Portage du Fort and Bristol Branch Rail-Preamble. way Company has, by its petition, represented that it was incorporated by an Act of the Legislature of the province Que., 1888, of Quebec, being chapter 101 of the statutes of 1888, which c. 101. 5 Act was amended by chapter 66 of the statutes of 1895, and Que., 1895, has prayed that it be enacted as hereinafter set forth, and 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, declares and enacts as 10 follows :—

In this Act the expression "the Company" means the Declaratory. corporation created by the Act first mentioned in the preamble under the name of "The Portage du Fort and Bristol Branch Railway Company;" and the works which the Company by 15 its said Acts, or by this Act, is empowered to undertake or operate, are hereby declared to be works for the general advantage of Canada.

Nothing herein contained shall be construed in any way Existing Acts to affect or render inoperative any of the provisions of the not affected, 20 said Acts which authorized the Company to undertake, own be subject to and operate the said works as aforesaid; but hereafter the said Parliament.

- works shall be subject to the legislative authority of the Parliament of Canada, and to the provisions of *The Railway* Act.
- 25 3. The present board of directors of the Company shall Existing continue to be directors of the Company until legally replaced. directors continued.

4. The capital stock of the Company is hereby increased to Capital five hundred thousand dollars, divided into shares of one increased. hundred dollars each, and may be called up by the directors
30 from time to time as they deem necessary, but no one call shall exceed ten per cent on the shares subscribed.

5. The head office of the Company shall be in the city of $_{\text{Head office.}}$ Ottawa.

6. The annual meeting of the shareholders shall be held on Annual 35 the second Tuesday in September in each year at the head meeting. office of the Company.

2. At such meeting the shareholders present or represented Election of by proxy, who have paid all calls due on their shares, shall directors.

be subject to Parliament.