

Court of civil jurisdiction in that part of this Province which heretofore constituted Lower Canada, recourse shall be had to the rules of evidence laid down by the laws of England, as recognized and used by every such Court in Lower Canada, in commercial cases; and no proprietor of a share or shares of the Capital Stock of the Company shall be deemed an incompetent witness, either for or against the Company, unless he be also one of the Directors, or be otherwise than as a proprietor incompetent.

VIII. And be it enacted, That copies of the minutes of proceedings and resolves of the proprietors of shares of the Capital Stock of the said Company, at any general or special meeting, and of minutes of proceedings and resolves of the Directors, at their meetings, extracted from the minute-book or books kept by the Secretary of the Company, and by him duly certified to be true copies, extracted from such minute-book or books, shall be *prima facie* evidence of such proceedings and resolves in all Courts of civil jurisdiction, and all notices given by the Secretary of the Company, by order of the Directors, shall be deemed notices by the said Directors and Company.

Copies of minutes to be *prima facie* evidence.

IX. And be it enacted, That all notices of meetings of, or of calls upon the proprietors of shares of the Capital Stock of the said Com-

Notices of meetings and calls to be published in certain news-