

charged and convicted of the crime of wilful and corrupt perjury.

Legislature
may amend
this Act at
any time.

XLIV. And be it enacted, That notwithstanding the privileges that may be conferred by this Act, the Legislature may at any time hereafter in their discretion make such additions to this Act or such alterations of any of its provisions as they may think proper, for affording just protection to the public or to any person or persons, body corporate or politic, in respect to their estate, property or right or any interest therein, or any advantage, privilege or convenience connected therewith, or in respect to any way or right of way public or private, that may be affected by any of the powers given to the said Corporation.

Stockholders
competent wit-
nesses in ac-
tions of Com-
pany.

XLV. And be it enacted, That in any action or suit brought by or against the Company upon any contract or for any matter or thing whatsoever, any Stockholder shall be competent as a witness, and his testimony shall not be deemed inadmissible on the ground of interest.

Limitation of
actions.

XLVI. And be it enacted, That if any action or suit shall be brought against any person or persons for any matter or thing done in pursuance of this Act, such action or suit shall be brought within six calendar months next after the fact committed, and not afterwards, and the defendant or defendants in such action or suit may plead the general issue only, and give this Act and the special matter in evidence on the trial.

Interpretation
clause.

XLVII. And be it enacted, That the words and expressions hereinafter mentioned, which in their ordinary signification may have a more confined or different meaning, shall in this Act, except when the nature of the provisions or the context of the Act shall exclude such construction, be interpreted as follows, that is to say : the word "Oath" shall