

EXPLANATORY NOTE.

By section 147 of the *Railway Act*, chapter 170 of the Revised Statutes of Canada, the employment by a railway company directly or indirectly of its funds in the purchase of shares issued by another railway company is prohibited except as in the said *Railway Act* or the *Special Act* (as defined in the *Railway Act*) otherwise provided. There is no exception in the said *Railway Act* or in the *Special Act* (as so defined) under which Canadian Pacific Railway Company is authorized to acquire shares of the capital stock of The Shawinigan Falls Terminal Railway Company. The purpose of this Bill is to provide Canadian Pacific Railway Company with the requisite legislative authority to acquire such shares.