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Acte pour changer la charte de la *Compagnie du grand chemin de fer occidental.*

SOMMAIRE.

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| Préambule.
9 Vic., c. 81—cité. | V. Les actionnaires pourront voter par procureur; ils auront une voix pour chaque action. |
| I. Dispositions incompatibles avec cet acte abrogées. | VI. 11 directeurs au lieu de 7. |
| II. Partie de la 1ère section, abrogée. | VII. Le montant des versements non payés pourra faire l'objet d'une poursuite et être recouvré; ce qu'il sera nécessaire d'alléguer et prouver en toute telle action. |
| III. Les sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 et 22, abrogées. | VIII. Acte public. |
| IV. Tous les actionnaires auront des droits égaux. | |

WHEREAS in and by the Act passed in the ninth year of Her Majesty's Reign, and intituled, "*An Act to alter and amend the Charter of the Great Western Rail-road Company,*" certain extraordinary powers, rights and privileges were granted to the Stockholders resident in England and a Corresponding Committee established in London, England, in consideration of the large amount of capital stock of the Company held in that country: And whereas the President and Directors of the said Company have by petition, by and with the consent of the English Stockholders, prayed for the repeal of so much of said recited Act as relates to the establishment of said Corresponding Committee, and so place the said Stockholders on the same common ground with the other Stockholders of the Company: And whereas it is proper to grant such petition: Be it therefore enacted, &c.

And it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the provisions of the said recited Act, so far as they are inconsistent with this Act and the provisions herein contained, shall be, and the same are hereby repealed.

II. And be it enacted, That so much of the first Section of the said Act as relates to affording protection to the English Stockholders of the said Company, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

III. And be it enacted, That the second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh, Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13,

14, 15, 16, 17, twelfth, thirteenth, fourteenth, fifteenth, sixteenth, seven-
18, 19, 20, 21, teenth, eighteenth, nineteenth, twentieth, twenty-first and
and 22, repeal- twenty-second Sections of the said recited Act, be, and the
ed. same are hereby repealed.

AN Sharehol- IV. And be it enacted, That any Shareholder in the 5
ders to have said Company, be he or she a British subject or alien, a
equal rights resident in Canada or elsewhere, shall have equal rights
as such. to hold stock in said Company, to vote on the same, and
be eligible to office in said Company.

Shareholders V. And be it enacted, That every Shareholder in the 10
may vote by said Company shall be entitled to appoint any person
proxy—one whomsoever, being also a Shareholder, to vote and act
vote given for for him or her by proxy, at all general meetings of the
each share. Company, and for the election of Directors, and that
each Shareholder shall be entitled to give one vote for each 15
and every share of capital stock held by him or her.

11 Directors VI. And be it enacted, That the number of Directors
instead of 7. in the said Company shall be and consist of eleven instead
of seven.

Amount of VII. And be it enacted, That in case any person or 20
calls unpaid persons shall neglect or refuse to pay a call or calls upon
may be sued stock at the time and in the manner required for such pay-
for and re- ment or payments, it shall be lawful for the said Directors
covered; what to cause the same to be sued for and recovered in any
must be alleg- Court of Law having jurisdiction in civil cases to the 25
ed and proved amount; and in such action it shall not be necessary to
in any such set forth the special matter in the declaration, but it shall
action. be sufficient to allege that the defendant is the holder of
one or more shares in the said stock subscribed under the
Act of Incorporation, (stating the number of shares,) 30
and is indebted to the Company in the amount of such
call or calls; and in any such action it shall be suffi-
cient to maintain the same, that the signature of the
defendant to some book or paper by which it shall appear 35
that such defendant subscribed for a share or a certain
number of shares of the stock of the said Company, be
proved by one witness, whether in the employment of the
Company or not, and that such call has been made.

Public Act. VIII. And be it enacted, That this Act is and shall
be for all purposes and in all Courts of Justice regarded 40
as a Public Act, and the same as such shall be judicially
noticed without being specially pleaded.