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**An Act to amend the Act incorporating the Hamilton and Port Dover Railway Company.**

**W**HEREAS the Hamilton and Port Dover Railway Company have represented by their Petition, that they have entered into contracts for the completion of the Railway authorized by their Act of incorporation, and have prayed that the time thereby allowed for commencing their said Railway may be extended, and for power to extend their line of Railway westward to some point on the Detroit River or Lake Erie, and eastward to the Suspension Bridge, by Cayuga or some other convenient route, and that certain other amendments may be made to their said Acts to facilitate the carrying out of the said undertaking, and it is expedient to grant the prayer of their Petition; Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

Preamble.

I. For and notwithstanding anything in their special Act, the Railway Clauses Consolidation Act or in any other Act contained, the said special Act shall, and is hereby declared to be in full force and effect, and the corporate powers of the said Hamilton and Port Dover Railway Company shall continue in force, provided they shall commence the construction of the works therein mentioned, and expend ten per cent. on the amount of their capital within three years from the passing hereof.

Act 16 Vict. c. 102, declared in force and a certain time allowed for commencing the work.

II. It shall be lawful for the said Company to extend their line of Railway westward from Port Dover to any point on the Detroit River or Lake Erie, and eastward from Port Dover to the Suspension Bridge; and to such extensions all and every the provisions and enactments of the Act of incorporation of the said Company shall apply and extend as fully as to the main line of Railway described in the said Act; and the Company shall have and exercise all the powers, authority and privileges in respect to the said extensions and the right of way therefor, and the lands through which the same may pass, which are conferred upon the Company in respect of the said main line.

Power to extend the Railway westward to Lake Erie and eastward to the Suspension Bridge.

III. Provided always, that the Company shall cause books of subscription to be opened for thirty days in the City of Hamilton, and afterwards in such other places as the Directors may from time to time appoint, for the purpose of receiving the subscription of persons desirous of becoming subscribers for the construction of the said extensions, or either of them; and for that purpose it shall be their duty, and they are hereby required to give public notice in one or more newspapers published in the City of Hamilton of the time and places at which said books will be opened, and the persons authorised to receive subscriptions, and the Bank into which the ten per cent. thereon is to be paid, and the time hereinafter limited for such pay-

Company to open subscription books, for such extensions.

Ten per cent  
to be paid  
down.

ment; and every person whose name shall be written in such books as a subscriber as aforesaid, and who shall have paid within ten days after the closing of the books, into such Bank or its Agencies or Branches, ten per cent. on the amount of stock so subscribed, for, to the credit of the Company, shall thereby become a member of the said Company, and shall have the same 5 rights and privileges as such as are conferred on the other members of the Company.

To be with-  
drawn only  
for such ex-  
tension.  
Exception.

IV. Provided also, that such ten per cent. shall not be withdrawn from the Bank, or otherwise applied, except for the purposes of the said extensions, respectively, or upon a resolution of the Company that the same 10 cannot be proceeded with.

When each  
extension may  
be proceeded  
with

V. So soon as the sum of shall have been specifically subscribed for and on account of the said extension westward and the ten per cent. paid thereon, the Company may proceed to the construction of the said Western Extension; and so soon as the sum 15 of shall have been specifically subscribed for and on account of the Eastern Extension, and the ten per cent. paid thereon, the Company may proceed to the construction of the Eastern Extension.

Bonds, &c., to  
be assignable  
by delivery or  
endorsement.

VI. All bonds or debentures issued by the Company, and all interest warrants or *coupons* attached thereto, which shall be issued by the Com- 20 pany, payable to bearer or to order, shall be assignable at law by delivery or endorsement; and may be sued on and enforced by the respective bearers and owners thereof, for the time being, in their own names.

Recital.

VII. And whereas the City of Hamilton has become a stockholder in the said undertaking to the extent of fifty thousand pounds; and in the 25 bye-law authorising the subscription therefor and the issue of debentures on payment thereof, no provision has been made for making the same payable in sterling, or beyond the limits of this Province, and it would facilitate the negotiation of such debentures if they were so payable; it shall be lawful for the City Council of the said City of Hamilton, by any 30 bye-law to be passed for that purpose, to authorise the issue of such debentures, payable in sterling, and in such place as shall be mentioned in such bye-law, and such debentures shall be valid and binding upon the said City.

City of Hamil-  
ton may make  
certain debentures payable  
in sterling,  
&c.

Public Act

VIII. This Act shall be deemed a Public Act.