



**No. 177.**  
**(PRIVATE BILL.)**

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An Act to amend the Act incorporating  
*The Bytown and Prescott Railway  
Company.*

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An Act to amend the Act incorporating *The Bytown and Prescott Railway Company*.

WHEREAS it is necessary and expedient to amend the Act passed in the Session held in the thirteenth and fourteenth years of Her Majesty's Reign, and intituled, "*An Act for the Incorporation of a Company to construct a Railroad between Bytown and Prescott*;" Be it therefore enacted, &c.,

Section sixth of Act 13 & 14 Vic, chap. 132 repealed.

And it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that the sixth Section of the said first recited Act, be and the same is hereby repealed.

II. And be it enacted, That the space of the arch of any bridge erected for carrying the Bytown and Prescott Railroad over or across any highway, shall at all times be and be continued of the open and clear breadth and space under such arch of not less than twenty feet, and of a height from the surface of such highway to the centre of such arch, of not less than twelve feet and the descent under any such bridge shall not exceed one foot in twenty feet.

Bridges carrying Railway over or across any highway to be 20 feet wide and 12 feet high.

III. And be it enacted, That for the enregistration of the deeds and conveyances of the lands conveyed to *The Bytown and Prescott Railway Company*, for the purposes of the said Railroad, Memorials shall not be necessary, but a book or books of copies of such deeds or conveyances shall be made by the said Company, and such copies of such deeds or conveyances of lands shall be deposited in the Registry Office of the County in which any such lands are situated, and the Registrars are hereby required to receive and preserve such copies as records of the enregistration of all such deeds and conveyances respectively, and the Registrars are also required to compare such copies with the original deeds or conveyances, and to certify upon each of such original deeds or conveyances that a copy thereof is duly deposited of record in the office as required by this Act, and for such enregistration including both the comparing of the copy with the original and the making of the certificate required upon the original deed or conveyance

Enregistration of Deeds to be by depositing a book or books of Copies thereof with the County Registrars. Originals to be certified by Registrars, &c.

Registrar's fee  
to be 2s. 6d.  
for each Deed.

Such enregis-  
tration good  
in law.

Paid Direc-  
tors.

Company may  
become party  
to promissory  
notes and bills  
of exchange.

Notes not to  
be payable to  
bearer nor to  
circulate as  
money.

The Company  
may issue pre-  
ferential  
Stock.

the Registrar shall receive two shillings and six pence and no more, and such enregistration shall be to all intents and purposes good and sufficient in law notwithstanding, anything to the contrary thereof in anywise contained in any Statute of this Province respecting the enregistration of deeds or conveyances of lands. 5

IV. And be it enacted, That the Board of Directors of the said Company may employ one or more of their Directors, as paid Director or Directors.

V. And be it enacted, That the said Company shall have power to become parties to promissory notes or bills of exchange, for sums not less than twenty-five pounds, and any such promissory notes made or endorsed and any such bill of exchange, drawn, accepted or endorsed by the President of the Company, or the Vice President, and countersigned by the Secretary and Treasurer as such, either before or after the passing of this Act, shall be presumed to have been properly made, drawn and accepted or endorsed as the case may be for the Company, until the contrary be shewn; And in no case shall it be necessary to have the seal of the Company affixed to any such bill of exchange, or promissory note, nor shall the President, Vice President or the Secretary or Treasurer of the Company, so making, drawing, accepting or endorsing, any such promissory note or bill of exchange, be thereby subjected individually to any liability whatever; Provided always that nothing in this clause shall be construed to authorize the said Company, to issue any note payable to bearer, or any note intended to be circulated as money or as notes of a Bank, 10 15 20 25

VI. And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Company, at any annual or special general meeting of Shareholders, called in such manner as by law required, to declare that the shares, or any given number of the shares of the Capital Stock of the Company remaining unsubscribed for, shall on being subscribed for entitle the holders thereof to a preference in the division of profits in such manner, and to such extent as by such meeting of Shareholders shall be determined and authorized. 30  
And thereupon the shares to be newly subscribed for, and to be entitled to such preference, shall be distinguished as shares of the new and preferential stock of the Company, and the Directors of the said Company shall and may thereafter from time to time, and wheresoever in this Province or elsewhere, and under such regulations as they shall deem meet, open a book or books for the receipt of subscriptions for the shares of the new and preferential stock of the Company, and subscribers for such stock and their 35 40

legal representatives and assigns shall be deemed holders of the shares so subscribed for, and shall be liable and bound to pay the same according to the conditions of the subscription; but no such holder shall be subject in any way whatsoever for any liability of the said Company, beyond the amount unpaid on his or her share or shares subscribed for in such new and preferential stock of the said Company. And all transfers of the shares of the Capital Stock of the Company shall express, whether the shares transferred are shares of the old stock or of the new and preferential Stock of the Company.

No individual liability beyond amount of Stock subscribed for.

VII. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Directors of the said Company, to make and carry into effect any arrangement which they shall deem meet with any other Railway Company respecting the carriage of freight or passengers, or the working of this Railway, and any other such Railway, or respecting the tolls to be charged for the carriage of freight, or passengers thereon.

Directors may make arrangements respecting freight &c.

VIII. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Directors of the said Company, to alter the guage of said road if they deem it advisable, to correspond with other roads in the Province.

Directors may alter guage.

IX. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be a public Act. Public Act.