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BILL.

An Act to incorporate the Provincial Bank
of Canada.

Received and read first time, Thursday, 24th
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HON. MR. TERRILL.

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An Act to incorporate the Provincial Bank of Canada.

WHEREAS the Provincial Bank of Canada, constituted under and Preamble.
by virtue of the Provincial Act made and passed in the
Session held in the thirteenth and fourteenth years of Her Majesty's
Reign, intituled, "*An Act to establish freedom of Banking in this*
5 *Province, and for other purposes relative to Banks and Banking,*"
have by their Petition prayed for an Act of Incorporation extending
their powers and privileges, and authorizing them to increase their
capital, and for other purposes; And whereas it is expedient to grant
the prayer of the said Petition; Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as
10 follows:

I. Geo. Wm. Collom, Jno. Ostell, Henry Lyman, Champion Brown, Certain per-
Wm. S. Childs, Theo. Lyman, John D. Nutter, Nelson Davis, sons incorpo-
Sand. G. Smith, and their legal representatives and assigns, shall be rated.
and are hereby created, constituted and declared to be a corporation,
15 body corporate and politic, by the name of "The Provincial Bank of Corporate
Canada," and shall continue such corporation, and shall have perpetual name and
succession and a corporate seal, with power to alter and change the general pow-
same at pleasure, and may sue and be sued, implead or be impleaded ers.
in all Courts of Law as other corporations may do, and shall have the
20 power to acquire and hold real and immoveable estate for the manage-
ment of their business, not exceeding the yearly value of *two thousand* Real property
pounds currency, and may sell, alienate or exchange the same and limited.
acquire other instead, and may, when duly organized as hereinafter
provided, make, ordain and establish such rules, regulations and by-
25 laws, as to them shall seem meet and necessary for the due and proper
administration of their affairs, and the due management of the said
Bank, such by-laws, rules and regulations not being inconsistent with
this Act, or contrary to the laws of this Province: Provided, however, Proviso.
that such rules, regulations and by-laws shall be submitted for ap-
30 proval to the stockholders or shareholders in the said Bank, at their
regular annual meetings.

II. The capital stock of the said Bank hereby incorporated shall be Capital Stock,
two hundred and fifty thousand pounds, current money of this Province, amount of
divided into twenty thousand shares of *twelve pounds ten shillings* number and
35 currency each, which said shares shall be and are hereby vested in the amount of
several persons who shall subscribe for the same, their legal representa- shares.
tives and assigns, whereof the sum of *twenty-five thousand pounds*
being the subscribed capital stock of the said Bank constituted under
the said Free Banking Act is now paid in, the shares of which said

last sum are hereby vested in the present holders or proprietors thereof, according to their respective interest in the same.

Stock books
may be open-
ed.

III. For the purpose of raising the amount of the said capital stock, it shall be lawful for the persons hereby incorporated, or for any number of them not less than five, to cause stock books to be opened, after giving four weeks' public notice in two newspapers in the city of Montreal, if there be so many, upon which stock books shall and may be received, the signatures and subscriptions of such persons or parties as desire to become shareholders in the said Bank, and such books shall be opened at the city of Montreal and elsewhere at the discretion of the persons opening the same, and shall be kept open so long as may be necessary; and so soon as *one hundred thousand pounds* of the said capital stock shall have been subscribed upon the said stock books, a public meeting shall be called of subscribers after two weeks' notice as hereinbefore provided, at such time and place as such notice shall indicate: and at such meeting the shareholders shall proceed to elect five Directors, having the requisite stock qualification, who shall from thenceforward manage the affairs of the said corporation, shall take charge of the stock books hereinabove referred to, and shall continue in office until the first Monday in January next thereafter, and until their successors in office shall be duly elected, and the said election shall be had in the same manner as the annual elections hereinafter provided for, as respects the regulating of votes according to the number of shares subscribed for.

At Montreal
and elsewhere.

First meeting
for election of
Directors.

Shares to be
paid in by
instalments.

IV. The shares of capital stock subscribed for shall be paid in and by such instalments, and at such times and places as the said Directors shall appoint; and executors, administrators and curators, paying instalments upon the shares of deceased shareholders, shall be and they are hereby respectively indemnified for paying the same: Provided always, that no share or shares shall be held to be lawfully subscribed for, unless a sum equal at least to *ten pounds* per centum on the amount subscribed for, be actually paid at the time of subscribing: Provided further, that the remainder of the said capital stock over and above the said sum of *twenty-five thousand pounds*, shall be subscribed for and paid up as follows, that is to say: The sum of *fifty thousand pounds* within three years; the further sum of *fifty thousand pounds* within four years; and the further sum of *one hundred and twenty five thousand pounds* within five years after the said Bank shall have so commenced the business of Banking, under penalty of forfeiture of their charter.

Ten per cent.
on subscribing.

Shareholders
neglecting to
pay instal-
ments to for-
feit ten per
cent. on
amount of
shares.

V. If any shareholder or shareholders shall refuse or neglect to pay any or either of the instalments upon his, her, or their shares of the said capital stock, at the time or times required by public notice as aforesaid, such shareholder or shareholders shall incur a forfeiture to the use of the said Corporation of a sum of money equal to *ten pounds* per centum on the amount of such shares; and, moreover, it shall be lawful for the Directors of the said Corporation (without any previous formality other than thirty days of public notice of their intention) to sell at public auction the said shares, or so many of the said shares as shall, after deducting the reasonable expenses of the sale, yield a sum of money sufficient to pay the unpaid instalments due on the remainder of the said shares, and the amount of forfeiture incurred upon the

whole; and the President or Vice-President, or Cashier of the said Corporation, shall execute the transfer to the purchaser of the shares of stock so sold, and such transfer being accepted shall be as valid and effectual in law as if the same had been executed by the original holder or holders of the shares of stock thereby transferred: Provided always, that nothing in this section contained shall be held to debar the Directors or shareholders, at a general meeting, from remitting, either in whole or in part, and conditionally and unconditionally, any forfeiture incurred by the non-payment of instalments as aforesaid.

Proviso: forfeiture may be remitted.

10 VI. The chief place or seat of business of the said Corporation shall be removed from Stanstead to the City of Montreal aforesaid; but it shall and may be lawful for the Directors of the Corporation to open and establish in other cities, towns, and places in this Province, branches or offices of discount and deposit of the said Corporation, 15 under such rules and regulations for the good and faithful management of the same as to the said Directors shall from time to time seem meet, and shall not be repugnant to any law of this Province, to this Act, or to the By-laws of the said Corporation.

Chief place of business to be Montreal, Branches elsewhere.

VII. For the management of the affairs of the said Corporation, 20 there shall be five Directors, who shall be annually elected by the shareholders of the capital stock of the Corporation at a general meeting of them to be held annually on the first Monday in January, beginning on the first Monday in January, in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty; at which meeting the shareholders 25 shall vote according to the rule or scale of votes hereinafter established; and the Directors elected by a majority of votes given in conformity to such rule or scale, shall be capable of serving as Directors for the ensuing twelve months, and at their first meeting after such election, shall choose out of their number a President and a Vice- 30 President, who shall hold their offices respectively during the same period; and in case of vacancy occurring in the said number of five Directors, the remaining Directors shall fill the same by electing from among the shareholders, and the Director so elected shall be capable of serving as a Director, until the next annual general meeting of the 35 shareholders; and if the vacancy occurring in the said number of five Directors shall also cause the vacancy of the office of President or Vice-President, the Directors at their first meeting after their number shall have been completed as aforesaid, shall fill the vacant office by choice or election from among themselves, and the Director so chosen 40 or elected shall fill the office to which he shall be so chosen or elected until the next general annual meeting of the shareholders: Provided always, that each of the Directors shall be the holder and proprietor in his own name of not less than twenty shares of the capital stock of the said Corporation, and shall reside in Canada: And further, provided 45 always, that the shareholders of the said Bank, constituted under the said Free Banking Act, who shall be Directors thereof when this Act shall go into operation, shall continue to be and shall be the Directors of the Bank hereby constituted, until the annual election of Directors in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty aforesaid, 50 and they shall choose a President and Vice-President, and shall fill up any vacancies occurring in the manner herein provided.

Affairs to be managed by five Directors, to be elected yearly by votes of shareholders.

President and Vice-President. Vacancies.

Qualification of Directors.

Election not taking place Corporation not thereby dissolved.

VIII. If at any time it should happen that an election of Directors shall not be made or take effect on the day fixed by this Act, the said Corporation shall not be deemed or taken to be thereby dissolved; but it shall be lawful at any subsequent time to make such election at a general meeting of the shareholders, to be duly called for that purpose. 5

Books, &c., to be subject to inspection of Directors.

IX. The books, correspondence, and funds of the Corporation shall at all times be subject to the inspection of the Directors; but no shareholder, not being a Director, shall inspect or be allowed to inspect the account or accounts of any person or persons dealing with the Corporation. 10

Quorum of Directors.

X. At all meetings of the Directors of the said Corporation, not less than three of them shall constitute a board or quorum for the transaction of business; and at the said meetings the President, or in his absence the Vice-President, or in their absence one of the Directors present, to be chosen *pro tempore*, shall preside, and the President, Vice-President, 15 or President *pro tempore* so presiding shall vote as a Director, and, if there be an equal division on any question, shall have a casting vote.

Casting vote.

Directors may make By-laws.

XI. It shall and may be lawful for the Directors of the Corporation hereby constituted, from time to time to make and enact By-laws, rules and regulations, (the same not being repugnant to this Act, or to the 20 laws of this Province) for the proper management of the affairs of the said Corporation, and from time to time to alter or repeal the same, and others to make and enact in their stead; Provided always, that no By-law, Rule or Regulation so made by the Directors shall have force or effect until the same shall, after six weeks' public notice, have been 25 confirmed by the shareholders at an annual general meeting, or at a special general meeting called for that purpose.

By-laws to be confirmed by shareholders.

No Director to act as private banker.

XII. No Director of the Corporation hereby constituted shall, during the period of his services, act as a private banker, nor shall any Director other than the President be entitled to any salary or emolu- 30 ment for his services as a Director, but the President may be compensated for his services as President either by an annual vote of a sum of money by the shareholders at their annual general meetings, or by a fixed salary: and in the latter case, for the purpose of securing to the Corporation the undivided attention and services of the President, it 35 shall be lawful for the Directors, if they see fit, to choose and appoint annually from among themselves, a person duly qualified who shall be President of the Corporation, and to award to him such remuneration for his services as they in their judgment shall see fit, anything herein- 40 before contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

President only to receive remuneration.

Directors may appoint Cashier and officers.

XIII. The Directors of the said Corporation shall have power to appoint such cashiers, managers, officers, clerks and servants under them as shall be necessary for conducting the business of the Corporation, and to allow reasonable compensation for their services res- 45 pectively, and shall also be capable of exercising such power and authority for the well governing and ordering of the affairs of the Corporation as shall be prescribed by the By-laws thereof; Provided always, that before permitting any cashier, manager, officer, clerk or servant of the Corporation to enter upon the duties of his office, the Directors shall require every such cashier, manager, officer, clerk, or 50

Other powers. Security to be taken from officers.

servant to give bond, to the satisfaction of the Directors, in such sum of money as the Directors consider adequate to the trust to be reposed, with conditions for good and faithful behaviour.

XIV. It shall be the duty of the Directors to make half yearly dividends of so much of the profits of the Corporation as to them shall appear advisable; and such dividends shall be payable at such place or places as the Directors shall appoint, and of which they shall give public notice thirty days previously; Provided always, that no such dividend shall in any manner lessen or impair the capital stock of the Corporation.

Directors to make half-yearly dividends.

Proviso.

XV. A general meeting of the shareholders of the Corporation shall be held in the City of Montreal aforesaid, on the first Monday in the month of January in every year during the continuance of this Act, for the purpose of electing Directors in the manner hereinbefore provided, and for all other general purposes touching the affairs and the management of the affairs of the Corporation; and at each of the said annual general meetings the Directors shall submit a full and clear statement of the affairs of the Corporation, containing, on the one part the amount of capital stock paid in, the amount of notes of the Bank in circulation, the net profits in hand, the balances due to other Banks and Institutions, and the cash deposited in the Bank, distinguishing deposits bearing interest from those not bearing interest, and on the other part the amount of current coins and gold and silver bullion in the vaults of the Bank, the value of buildings and other real estate belonging to the Bank, the balances due to the Bank from other Banks and Institutions, and the amount of debts owing to the Bank, including and particularizing the amounts so owing on bills of exchange, discounted notes, mortgages and hypothecs, and other securities, thus exhibiting on the one hand the liabilities of or debts due by the Bank, and on the other hand the assets and resources thereof, and the said statement shall also exhibit the rate and amount of the then last dividend declared by the Directors, the amount of profit reserved at the time of declaring such dividend, and the amount of debts of the Bank overdue and not paid, with an estimate of the loss which may probably be incurred from the non-payment of such debts.

Annual Meeting of stockholders for election of Directors.

Statement of affairs.

Its form and contents.

Last dividend and reserve fund.

XVI. The number of votes which the shareholders of the said Corporation shall respectively be entitled to give at their meetings, shall be one vote for each share; and it shall be lawful for absent shareholders, to give their votes by proxy, such proxy being also a shareholder, and being provided with a written authority, for his constituent or constituents, in such form as shall be established by a By-law, and which authority shall be lodged in the Bank; Provided always, that a share or shares of the Capital Stock of the said Corporation, that shall have been held for a less period than three calendar months immediately prior to any meeting of the shareholders, except the first meeting, shall not entitle the holder or holders to vote at such meeting, either in person or by proxy; Provided also, that where two or more persons are joint holders of shares, it shall be lawful that only one of such joint holders shall be empowered by Letters of Attorney from the other joint holder or holders, or a majority of them, to represent the said shares and vote accordingly.

Shareholders to have one vote for each share.

Proviso: shares must have been held a certain time.

As to joint holders.

Officers not to vote.

XVII. No Cashier, Bank Clerk, or other officer of the Bank, shall either vote in person or by proxy at any meeting for the election of Directors, or hold a proxy for that purpose.

Special meetings may be called, and how.

XVIII. Any number not less than twenty of the shareholders of the said Corporation, who together shall be proprietors of at least five hundred shares of the paid up Capital Stock of the Corporation, by themselves or proxies, or the Directors of the Corporation, or any four of them, shall respectively have power at any time to call a special general meeting of the Shareholders of the Corporation, to be held at their usual place of meeting in the City of Montreal, upon giving six weeks' previous public notice thereof, and specifying in such notice the object or objects of such meeting; and if the object of any such special general meeting be to consider of the proposed removal of the President or Vice-President, or of a Director or Directors of the Corporation, formal administration, or other specified and apparently just course, then and in such cases, the person or persons whom it shall be so proposed to remove, shall, from the day on which the notice shall first be published, be suspended from the duties of his or their office or offices, and if it be the President or Vice-President, whose removal shall be proposed as aforesaid, his office shall be filled up by the remaining Directors, (in the manner hereinbefore provided in the case of a vacancy occurring in the office of President,) who shall choose or elect a Director to serve as such President or Vice-President, during the time such suspension shall continue or be undecided upon.

Stock to be deemed personal estate. How assignable.

XIX. The shares of the Capital Stock of the said Corporation shall be held and adjudged to be personal estate, and be transmissible accordingly; and shall be assignable and transferable at the Bank, according to the form of Schedule A annexed to this Act; but no assignment or transfer shall be valid and effectual unless it be made and registered in a book or books to be kept by the Directors for that purpose; nor until the person or persons making the same shall previously discharge all debts actually due by him, her, or them, to the Corporation, which may exceed in amount the remaining stock (if any) belonging to such person or persons; and no fractional part or parts of a share, or other than a whole share, shall be assignable or transferable; and when any share or shares of the said Capital Stock shall have been sold under a writ of execution, the Sheriff by whom the writ shall have been executed shall, within thirty days after the sale, leave with the Cashier of the Corporation an attested copy of the writ, with the certificate of such Sheriff endorsed thereon, certifying to whom the sale has been made; and thereupon (but not until after all debts due by the original holder or holders of the said shares of the Corporation shall have been discharged as aforesaid) the President or Vice-President, or Cashier of the Corporation, shall execute the transfer of the share or shares so sold to the purchaser, and such transfer being duly accepted, shall be, to all intents and purposes, as valid and effectual in law as if it had been executed by the original holder or holders of the said shares, any law or usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

Sale of shares under seizure.

In what business only Bank shall engage, and what species

XX. The said Corporation hereby constituted shall not, either directly or indirectly, hold any lands or tenements, (save and except such as by the first section of this Act they are specially authorized to acquire and hold,) or any ships or other vessels, or any share or shares of the Capital

Stock of the Corporation, nor in any other Bank in this Province; nor shall the said Corporation, either directly or indirectly, lend money or make advances upon the security, mortgage, or hypothecation (*hypothèque*) of any lands or tenements, or of any ships or other vessels, nor upon the security or pledge of any share or shares of the Capital Stock of the Corporation, or of any goods, wares, or merchandise; nor shall the said Corporation, either directly or indirectly, raise loans of money, or deal in the buying, selling, or bartering of goods, wares or merchandise, or engage or be engaged in any trade whatever, except as dealers in gold and silver bullion, bills of exchange, discounting of promissory notes and negotiable securities, and in such trade generally as legitimately appertains to the business of banking; Provided always, that the said Corporation may purchase, take and hold mortgages and hypothecs, and assignments of mortgages and hypothecs on real and personal property in this Province, by way of additional security for debts contracted to the Corporation in the course of their dealings.

of property it may hold.

Proviso.

XXI. The aggregate amount of discounts and advances made by the said Corporation upon commercial paper or securities bearing the name of any Director or Officer, or the co-partnership name or firm of any Director of the said Corporation, shall not at any one time exceed one-tenth of the total amount of discounts or advance made by the Corporation at the same time.

Amount of advances to Directors limited.

XXII. It shall and may be lawful for the said Corporation to allow and pay interest (but not exceeding the legal rate of interest in this Province,) upon moneys deposited in the Bank: And also, it shall and may be lawful for the Corporation in discounting promissory notes or other negotiable securities, to receive or retain the discount thereon, at the time of discounting or negotiating the same, any law or usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

May pay interest on deposits and retain discount on advances.

XXIII. The bonds, obligations and bills obligatory and of credit of the said Corporation, under its common seal, and signed by the President or Vice-President, and countersigned by a Cashier thereof, which shall be made payable to any person or persons, shall be assignable by indorsement thereon, under the hand or hands of such person or persons, and of his, her or their assignee or assignees, and so as absolutely to transfer and vest the property thereof in the several assignees, successively, and to enable such assignee or assignees to bring and maintain an action or actions thereupon in his, her or their own name or names, and signification of any such assignment by indorsement shall not be necessary, any law or usage to the contrary notwithstanding; and bills or notes of the Corporation, signed by the President or Vice-President, and countersigned by a Cashier thereof, promising the payment of money to any person or persons, his, her or their order or to the bearer, though not under the seal of the Corporation, shall be binding and obligatory upon the same, in the like manner and with the like force and effect as they would be upon any private person or persons, if issued by him, her or them, in his, her or their private or natural capacities, and shall be assignable in the like manner as if they were so issued by such private person or persons: Provided always, that nothing in this Act contained shall be held to debar the Directors of the Corporation from authorizing or deputing from time to time any Cashier or officer of the Corporation, or any Director other than

Bonds, &c. of Corporation assignable by endorsement.

Proviso.

the President or the Vice-President, or any Cashier, Manager, or local Director of a Branch or office of discount and deposit of the said Corporation to sign, and any Cashier, Accountant or Book-keeper of the said Corporation, or of any Branch or office of discount and deposit thereof, to countersign the bills or notes of the said Corporation intended for general circulation, and payable to order, or to the bearer on demand. 5

Notes to bear date and be payable at place of issue.

XXIV. The notes or bills of the said Corporation made payable to order, or to bearer, and intended for general circulation, whether the same shall issue from the chief place or seat of business of the Corporation, or from any of the branches, shall bear date at the place of issue, and not elsewhere, and shall be payable on demand in specie at the same place of issue, and each and every office of discount and deposit established or hereafter to be established under the management or direction of a local Board of Directors, shall be considered and held to be a Branch Bank, and subject to the restriction as to the issuing and redemption of notes provided in this section. 10 15

Suspension for sixty days to operate for failure of Charter.

XXV. A suspension by the said Corporation (either at the chief place or seat of business, or at any of their branches or offices of discount and deposit at other places in this Province,) of payment on demand, in specie, of the notes or bills of the said Corporation payable on demand, shall, if the time of suspension extend to sixty days, consecutively, or at intervals within any twelve consecutive months, operate as and be a forfeiture of this Act of Incorporation, and all and every the privileges hereby granted. 20 25

Total amounts of notes under £1 issued by Bank, limited.

XXVI. The total amount of the Notes or Bills of the said Corporation, being for a less sum than one pound, current money of Canada, each, that shall be or may have been issued and put in circulation, shall not exceed at any one time one-fifth of the amount of the capital stock of the Corporation then paid in: Provided always, that no notes under the nominal value of five shillings shall at any time be issued or put into circulation by the Corporation, nor shall any further limitation by the Legislature of the total amount of notes to be issued or re-issued by the said Corporation, be held to be any infringement upon the privileges hereby granted: Provided further, that the several provisions of an Act passed in the sixteenth year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, "*An Act to encourage the issue by the Chartered Banks of this Province, of Notes secured in the manner provided by the General Banking Law,*" shall be and are hereby declared to be applicable to the Bank established under this Act. 30 35 40

16 V c. 162, to apply.

Total liabilities of Bank limited.

XXVII. The total amount of the debts which the said Corporation shall at any time owe, whether by bond, bill, note or otherwise, shall not exceed three times the aggregate amount of the capital stock paid in and the deposits made in the Bank in specie and Government securities for money, and at no one period after the passing of this Act shall the notes or bills payable on demand and to bearer, exceed the amount of the actually paid up capital stock of the Corporation; and in case of excess, the said Corporation shall forfeit this Act of incorporation and all the privileges hereby granted, and the Directors under whose administration the excess shall happen, shall be liable jointly and severally for the same, in their private capacities, as well to the shareholders as 45 50

Penalty for excess

to the holders of the bonds, bills and notes of the Corporation, and an action or actions in this behalf may be brought against them, or any of them, and the heirs, executors, administrators or curators of them, or any of them, and be prosecuted to judgment and execution according
 5 to law, but such action or actions shall not exempt the Corporation, or their lands, tenements, goods or chattels, from being also liable for such excess: Provided always, that if any Director present at the time of
 10 contracting any such excess of debt do forthwith, or if any Director absent at the time of contracting any such excess of debt, do within twenty-four hours after he shall have obtained a knowledge thereof, enter on the minutes or register of proceedings of the Corporation, his protest against the same, and do, within eight days thereafter, publish
 15 such protest in at least one newspaper published in the City of Montreal, such Director may thereby, and not otherwise, exonerate and discharge himself, his heirs, executors, and administrators or curators from the liability aforesaid, any thing herein contained or any law to the contrary notwithstanding: And provided always, that such publication
 shall not exonerate any Director from his liability as a shareholder. Proviso.

XXVIII. In the event of the property and assets of the Corporation
 20 hereby constituted, becoming insufficient to liquidate the liabilities and engagements or debts thereof, the shareholders of the Corporation, in their private and natural capacities, shall be liable and responsible for the deficiency, but to no greater extent than to double the amount of capital stock held by them, that is to say; that the liability and
 25 responsibility of each shareholder shall be limited to the amount of his or her share or shares of the said capital stock, and a sum of money equal in amount thereto: Provided always, that nothing in this section contained shall be construed to alter or diminish the additional liabilities of the Directors of the Corporation hereinbefore mentioned
 30 and declared. Liability of shareholders limited.

XXIX. Besides the detailed statement of the affairs of the said Corporation hereinbefore required to be laid before the shareholders thereof, at their annual general meeting, the Directors shall make up and publish, on the first day of each month, in every year, statements
 35 of the assets and liabilities of the Corporation, in the form of the Schedule B. hereunto annexed, shewing under the heads specified in the said form, the average of the amount of the notes of the Corporation in circulation and other liabilities, at the termination of each month, and the average amount of specie and other assets which, at the same
 40 time, were available to meet the same; And it shall also be the duty of the Directors to submit to the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or person administering the Government of this Province, a copy of each of such monthly statements; and if by him required to verify all or any part
 45 of the said statement, the said Directors shall verify the same by the production of the monthly balance-sheet from which the said statement shall have been compiled; and furthermore, the said Directors shall from time to time, when required, furnish to the said Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or person administering the Government of this Province, such further information respecting the state and proceedings
 50 of the Corporation, and of the several branches and offices of discount and deposit thereof, as such Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or person administering the Government of this Province, may reasonably see fit to call for: Provided always, that the monthly balance-sheet, and the
Monthly statements of affairs.
How verified.
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further information that shall be so produced and given, shall be held by the said Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or person administering the Government of this Province, as being produced and given in strict confidence that he shall not divulge any part of the contents of the said monthly balance-sheet or of the information that shall be so given ; 5
Proviso. And provided also, that the Directors shall not, nor shall any thing herein contained be construed to authorize them or any of them to make known the private account or accounts of any person or persons whatever having dealings with the Corporation.

Bank not to lend money to foreign power. XXX. It shall not be lawful for the Corporation hereby constituted, 10
 at any time whatever, directly or indirectly, to advance or lend to, or for the use of or on account of any foreign Prince, power or state, any sum or sums of money, or any securities for money ; and if such unlawful advance or loan be made, then and from thenceforth the said Corporation shall be dissolved, and all the powers, authorities, rights, 15
 privileges and advantages hereby granted shall cease and determine ; any thing in this Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

How notices to be given XXXI. The several public notices by this Act required to be given, shall be given by advertisement in one or more of the newspapers published in the City of Montreal and in the "Canada Gazette," or such 20
 other Gazette as shall be generally known and accredited as the official Gazette for the publication of official documents and notices emanating from the Civil Government of this Province.

Transfer of shares in Great Britain. XXXII. Shares of the capital stock of the Bank may be made transferable and the dividends accruing thereon may be made payable in 25
 the United Kingdom, and in the United States, in like manner as such shares and dividends are respectively made transferable and payable at the Bank, in the City of Montreal ; and to that end, the Directors may, from time to time, make such rules and regulations, and prescribe such forms, and appoint such agent or agents as they may deem necessary. 30

Provision for proving transmission of shares. XXXIII. If the interest in any share in the said Bank become transmitted in consequence of the death or bankruptcy or insolvency of any shareholder, or in consequence of the marriage of a female shareholder, or by any other lawful means than by a transfer according to the provisions of this Act, the Directors may require such transmission to be 35
 authenticated by a declaration in writing, as hereinafter mentioned, or in such other manner as the Directors of the Bank shall require, and every such declaration or other instrument so signed, made and acknowledged shall be left at the Bank with the Cashier or other Officer or Agent of the Bank, who shall thereupon enter the name of the party 40
 entitled under such transmission in the Register of Shareholders, and until such transmission shall have been so authenticated, no party or person claiming by virtue of any such transmission shall be entitled to receive any share of the profits of the Bank, nor to vote in respect of
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 every such declaration and instrument as by this and the following section of this Act is required to perfect the transmission of a share of the Bank, and as shall be made in any other country than in this or some other of the British Colonies in North America, or in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, shall be further authenticated by 50
 the British Consul or Vice-Consul, or other the accredited representative

of the British Government in the country where the declaration shall be made, or shall be made directly before such British Consul or other accredited representative; and provided also, that nothing in this Act contained shall be held to debar the Directors, Cashier or other Officer or 5 Agent of the Bank from requiring corroborative evidence of any fact or facts alleged in any such declaration.

XXXIV. If the transmission of any share in the Bank be by virtue of the marriage of a female shareholder, the declaration shall contain a copy of the register of such marriage or other particulars of the celebration 10 thereof, and shall declare the identity of the wife with the holder of such share, and if the transmission have taken place by virtue of any testamentary instrument or by intestacy, the probate of the will or the letters of administration or of tutorship or curatorship, or an official extract therefrom, shall together with such declaration be produced and 15 left with the Cashier or other Officer or Agent of the Bank, who shall then enter the name of the party entitled under such transmission in the Register of Shareholders.

XXXV. Whenever the interest in any share or shares of the Capital Stock of the said Bank shall be transmitted by the death of any share- 20 holder or otherwise, or whenever the ownership of, or legal right of possession in any such share or shares shall change by any lawful means other than by transfer according to the provisions of this Act, and the Directors of the said Bank shall entertain reasonable doubts as to the legality of any claim to and upon such share or shares of stock, then and 25 in such case it shall be lawful for the said Bank to make and file in the Superior Court for Lower Canada a declaration and petition in writing addressed to the Judges of the Court, setting forth the facts and the number of shares previously belonging to the party in whose name such shares stand in the books of the Bank, and praying for an order or 30 judgment adjudicating and awarding the said shares to the party or parties legally entitled to the same, and by which order or judgment the Bank shall be guided and held fully harmless and indemnified, and release from all and every other claim for the said shares or arising therefrom; Provided always, that notice of such petition shall be given 35 to the party claiming such shares, who shall, upon the filing of such petition establish his right to the several shares referred to in such petition, and all other proceedings in such cases shall be the same as those observed in cases pending before the said Superior Court: Provided also, that the costs and expenses of procuring such order and 40 adjudication shall be paid by the party or parties to whom the said shares shall be declared lawfully to belong, and such shares shall not be transferred until such costs and expenses be paid, saving the recourse of such party against any party contesting his right.

XXXVI. The Bank shall not be bound to see to the execution of any 45 trust, whether express, implied or constructive, to which any of the shares of the Bank may be subject, and the receipt of the party in whose name any such share shall stand in the books of the Bank, or if it stand in the names of more parties than one, the receipt of one of the parties shall from time to time be a sufficient discharge to the Bank for any dividend 50 or other sum of money payable in respect of such share, notwithstanding any trust to which such share may then be subject, and whether or not the Bank have had notice of such trust, and the Bank shall not be

If transmission be by marriage, &c.

How decision of Court as to title to shares obtainable.

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Bank not bound to see to execution of trusts.

bound to see to the application of the money paid upon such receipt, any law or usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

One-tenth of capital paid up to be invested in debentures.

XXXVII. It shall be the duty of the Directors of the said Bank to invest as speedily as the Debentures hereinafter mentioned can be procured from the Receiver General, and to keep invested at all times in the debentures of this Province, payable within the same, or of the Consolidated Municipal Loan Fund, one-tenth part of the whole paid up capital of the said Bank, and to make a return of the numbers and amount of such debentures, verified by the oaths and signatures of the President and Chief Cashier or Manager of the said Bank to the Inspector General in the month of January of each year, under the penalty of the forfeiture of the charter of the said Bank in default of such investment and Return :

Provided.

That the said Directors shall not commence the ordinary business of banking until the sum of five thousand pounds shall have been invested in such Debentures.

Duration of Act.

XXXVIII. This Act shall be and remain in force until the first day of June, which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy, and from that time until the end of the then next Session of the Parliament of this Province, and no longer.

Public Act.

XXXIX. This Act shall be deemed a public Act.

FORM OF SCHEDULE A.

Referred to in the Nineteenth Section of the foregoing Act.

For value received from _____, I, (or we,) _____ of _____, do hereby assign and transfer unto the said _____ shares, (on each of which has been paid _____ pounds, _____ shillings, currency, amounting to the sum of _____ pounds, _____ shillings,) in the Capital Stock of the Provincial Bank of Canada, subject to the rules and regulations of the said Bank.

Witness, my (or our) hand (or hands), at the said Bank, this day of _____, in the year one thousand eight hundred and _____

(Signatures.)

I (or we) do hereby accept the foregoing assignment of _____ shares of the stock of the Provincial Bank of Canada assigned to me (or us) as above mentioned, at the Bank, this _____ day of _____, one thousand eight hundred and _____

(Signatures.)

FORM OF SCHEDULE B.

Referred to in the Twenty-Ninth Section of the foregoing Act.

RETURN of the average amount of Liabilities and Assets of the Provincial Bank of Canada during the period from first
to , one thousand eight hundred and

LIABILITIES.

Promissory Notes in circulation not bearing interest.....£
Bills of Exchange in circulation not bearing interest.....
Bills and Notes in circulation bearing interest.....
Balance due to other Banks.....
Cash deposits, not bearing interest.....
Cash deposits, bearing interest.....

Total average Liabilities.....£

ASSETS.

Coin and Bullion.....£
Landed or other Property of the Bank.....
Government Securities.....
Promissory Notes or Bills of other Banks.....
Balances due from other Banks.....
Notes and Bills discounted, or other Debts due to the Bank,
not included under the foregoing heads.....

£