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An Act to amend the Act 10 and 11 Vict.
cap. 68, intituled "An Act to incorpo-
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An Act to amend the Act 10 and 11 Victoria, chap. 68, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Montreal Mining Company."

WHEREAS the Montreal Mining Company have petitioned for an amendment of their charter, which Petition it is expedient to grant,

Preamble.

Therefore, Her Majesty, &c., declares and enacts as follows:—

5 **1.** The said Company may own and carry on farms and Agricultural, Mechanical or Manufacturing establishments, on any of their lands, and may sell, lease, or grant lands for the said purposes; they may also employ, acquire, own, use and hire out, or run for hire or reward, and dispose of Steamboats and other vessels, and may establish, own, and carry on trading posts and establishments and fisheries on Lakes Huron and Superior.

Company may own farms, steamboats, &c.

10 **2.** The 13th Section of the Act 10 and 11 Victoria, chapter 68. is hereby amended, so that the Directors of the said Company shall not hereafter, in any case, have the power to sell, or lease any mine, location or any considerable portion thereof, without the approval of the Shareholders, either at an annual general meeting, or at a special meeting called for the purpose, either before or after the agreement to sell, or lease.

Power of Directors to sell mines, &c., restricted.

20 **3.** The Directors shall have power from time to time to make By-laws, rules and regulations, and the same from time to time to alter, amend, modify, repeal and renew, for all or any of the following purposes, to wit:—1st. For the control and management of the company, their servants, agents and workmen, and for the orderly and systematic carrying on of their business and operations, in all its details, including the prevention of persons employed by them deserting their service in violation of their engagements, and by such By-laws, rules or regulations to impose and inflict such fines and forfeitures upon the persons who may become guilty of breaches thereof, as to them may seem meet; provided always, that no fine shall be imposed, or exacted by, or for the infraction of any one of the said By-laws, rules or regulations, exceeding five pounds for each offence, which fines shall be recoverable in a summary way before any one Justice of the peace, as if imposed by act of the Legislature, but by and for the benefit of the said Company, and such Justice of the Peace may condemn any offender against any of the provisions of any of the said By-laws, rules or regulations, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one month, either in addition to the pecuniary fine, or, in default of the payment of the fine and costs; provided always, that any By-law, rule or regulation imposing any fine on any other than the officers and members of the said Company, shall be transmitted to the Provincial Secretary within one month after the approval thereof at a meeting of the Stockholders and may be at any time annulled and disallowed, in whole, or in part by His Excellency the Governor General.

Directors may make by-laws;

For the management of the Company, and the control of the workmen, &c.

Concerning the imposition and recovery of fines.

Certain by-laws must be approved by the Governor. By-laws concerning the transfer of shares.

- And the number of Directors. 2nd. To regulate the manner in which shares of the Capital Stock of the said Company may be transferred, including the power to abolish the use of certificates assignable by delivery and for the registration of transfers, and to subject all transfers to such forms and such reasonable conditions as to them may seem advisable. 3rd. Also from time to time to change the number of Directors for the management of the affairs of the Company, provided they be not reduced below the number of five, nor increased beyond their present number, and to regulate the number who shall go out of office annually, the said By-laws to be submitted for approval at a general meeting of Shareholders. 5 10
- Directors may issue additional shares for certain purposes. 4. It shall be competent for the Directors from time to time, as they may deem it expedient, to issue a number of shares of Capital Stock of the said Company, in all not exceeding two thousand shares, to servants, agents and persons employed by the Company in reward for services, and such persons who shall be called Honorary Shareholders, and the Capital Stock so issued shall neither be assignable nor subject to calls or assessments, and the interest of the respective Shareholders therein shall cease so soon as they respectively cease to be in the employ of the Company, save in cases where the same has been granted in reward for special services to persons not regularly in the employ of the Company, and in all such cases the term of the interest in such Shares shall be limited, and shall in no case exceed five years and such Honorary Shareholders shall have the right, during the continuance of their interest as such to have, and receive dividends, but their shares shall be absolutely non-assignable, and shall not subject the holders to any personal liability for the debts of the Company. 15 20 25
- Debentures may be issued. 5. The debentures which the said Company are authorized to issue by the ninth section of the Act 10 and 11 Vic, chap. 68, may be issued from time to time, either for borrowed money or for other debts or liabilities incurred or to be incurred by the Company. 30
- Three new Companies may be formed. Their capital. 6. To promote the further exploration and development of the property of the Company on Lake Superior, the Directors are empowered to receive subscriptions of Stock for all, or any of three additional companies to be formed under the authority hereof, to be called respectively, the Victoria Company, the St. Ignace Company, and the Mamrausc Company, each with a capital of six hundred thousand dollars, divided into shares of six dollars each, and as soon as six thousand dollars shall have been paid in by the Stockholders to the objects of any one of the said Companies, such Company may proceed with their enterprise, and such persons as may become Shareholders shall be a corporation designated by the name of such one of said Companies as they shall have subscribed stock in, to all intents and purposes of the same nature and character as the incorporation of the Montreal Mining Company for the prosecution of their respective enterprises and the 3rd, 6th, 7th, 10th, 11th, 13th, 15th, 16th, and 18th, Sections of the Act 10 and 11 Victoria c. 68, as modified and altered by the previous sections of this act, shall apply to and be in force for the government of the said Companies; and besides the powers thereby, and by the previous section of this act conferred upon the said Companies, to remove any doubts that might exist on the subject, they shall further have the power to purchase, or, lease from the said Montreal Mining Company, or otherwise bargain for any of their locations or property, to such extent as may from time to time be deemed expedient, and may make the same or such part thereof, as may be deemed expedient, payable in stock or calls on Stock of the new Company, to be issued to the Montreal Mining Company or the Shareholders thereof. 35 40 45 50 55
- Said Companies may purchase from the Montreal Mining Company.

7. The calls for money which the Directors of such new Companies shall be empowered to make in conformity with the provisions relating to calls in the 13th section of the said Act 10 and 11 Victoria, c. 68, shall be calls on the Capital Stock of such new Company, 5 and to the extent thereof, viz., to the amount of six dollars per share. **Calls on the stock.**

8. The first general meeting of the Shareholders of any such new Company may be called by the promoters thereof, or any seven of the subscribers, to be held at any time and place they may appoint for that purpose, whereof two weeks previous notice shall be given in a newspaper published in the City of Montreal, at which meeting Directors shall be elected, and on the third Tuesday in January of every succeeding year, the Annual General meeting of Shareholders shall be held for the election of Directors and the transaction of the business of the Company. **First general meeting.**

15 9. This Act shall be deemed a Public Act.

Public Act.