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An Act to amend the Charter of the
Woodstock and Lake Erie Railway
Company.

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Hon. Mr. BOULTON.

B I L L .

An Act to amend the Charter of the Woodstock and Lake Erie Railway Company.

WHEREAS the Woodstock and Lake Erie Railway and Harbour Company have, by their petition, prayed that the Act of the Parliament of this Province, passed in the session thereof, held in the tenth and eleventh 5 years of Her Majesty's Reign, and intituled, "*An Act to incorporate the Woodstock and Lake Erie Railway and Harbour Company,*" may be amended so as to empower the said Company, in their discretion, to construct, in lieu of, or in addition to, any Railroad they are now authorised 10 to construct, a planked, macadamized, or blocked road, and so as to render it unnecessary that the said road, so to be constructed, shall be confined within the limits of the Counties of Oxford and Norfolk, to increase the capital stock of the said Company, and for other purposes; and 15 whereas it is desirable that the prayer of the said petition should be granted: Be it therefore enacted, &c.,

Preamble.

10 & 11 Vict. c. 117.

That for and notwithstanding anything in the said Act, or in any other Act of the Parliament of this Province contained, it shall and may be lawful for the said Company to construct, in their discretion, in lieu of, or in 20 addition to, any Railroad they are now authorised by law to construct, a planked, macadamized, or blocked road, upon the same terms and under the same conditions and restrictions as they are authorised to construct a Railroad, 25 and to fix the terminus of any such rail, plank, macadamized, or blocked road at the Harbours of Port Dover or Port Burwell, or at such other points on the said Lake, or as near thereto, either east or west of either of the said ports, as the Company may deem advisable, and that 30 the time for the commencement of any such road shall be extended to the period of five years from and after the passing of this Act.

Company may construct a road of another kind in lieu of a Railroad.

And may select new Termini.

Time for making it extended.

II. And be it enacted, That notwithstanding anything in the said recited Act contained, the said Company shall 35 have full power to make or continue their Railroad, or such planked, macadamized, or blocked road, on and over any part of the Country lying between the Town of Woodstock and the said Harbours of Port Dover and Port Burwell inclusive, or from the said Town of Wood- 40 stock on and over any parts of the Country to any points on the said Lake, or as near thereto, either east or west of either of the said harbours as the Company may deem

Power to take lands, &c. as in former Act.

advisable, and that they may contract, compound, compromise and agree with the owners or occupiers of any lands upon which they may determine to construct such rail, planked, macadamized or blocked road, either for the purchase of so much of the said lands and privileges 5 as they shall require, or for any damage done either to or by the said Company or road, in the same manner as provided for in and by the said recited Act in cases of the same kind.

Amount of stock.

III. And be it enacted, That notwithstanding as afore- 10 said, the whole capital stock of the said Company, exclusive of any real estate which the said Company may have or hold by virtue of the said recited Act, or of this Act, may be equal to, but shall not exceed, *two hundred and eighty thousand* pounds, to be held in *fifty-six thou-* 15 *sand* shares of *five* pounds each share; and that the shares of the capital stock be deemed personal property, and may, after the first instalment thereon shall have been paid, be transferred by the respective persons holding the same, to any other person or persons, and such 20 transfer shall be entered and registered in one or more books, to be kept for that purpose by the said Company.

To be personal property and transferable.

Provisions of former Act to apply to road made under this.

IV. And be it enacted, That all the provisions of the said hereinbefore recited Act, so far as the same are consistent with the provisions herein contained, shall apply 25 to and be in full force as regards any Rail, planked, macadamized, or blocked road, hereby authorised to be constructed, which the said Company may, under the said recited Act, or under this Act, in their discretion construct. 30

Section 10, repealed.

V. And be it enacted, That the tenth section of the said recited Act be and the same is hereby repealed.

Public Act.

VI. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be deemed and taken to be a Public Act, and as such shall be judicially noticed by all Judges, Justices of the Peace 35 and other persons, without being specially pleaded.