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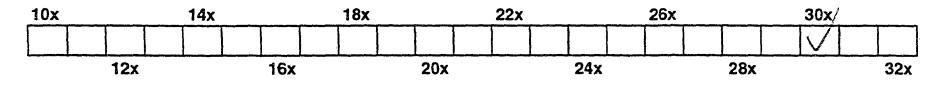
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WHEREAS the persons hereinafter named, have petitioned the Preamble. Legislature for incorporation as a Company to construct the Railway hereinafter described, and it is expedient to grant their request; Be it therefore enacted, &c., that R. Nugent Watts, J. G. Crebassa, Certain per-5 Antoine N. Gouin, G. L. Marler, J. B. E. Dorion, R. H. Kitson, J. F. sons incorpor-Sincennes, D. McCarthy, J. Lamère, C. C. Sheppard, J. R. Sincennes, James Kelly, Pierre Boisvert, R. Harrower, F. Gervais, Jonathan Wurtelle, Moise Fortier, H. S. Griffin, F. X. Rivard, P. C. Ste. Marie, E. C. Wurtelle, G. T. Pelletier, P. E. Mignault, J. B. Commeault, Lewmon 10 Walker, Benjamin Thérien, John Balph, Samuel Torrance, with all such other persons and Corporations as shall become shareholders in the Company hereby constituted, shall be, and they are hereby ordained, constituted and declared to be, a Body Corporate and Politic, by and under the name and style of *The Sorel*, Drummondville and Richmond Railway 15 Company.

I. The first, second, third and fourth clauses of "The Railway Certain Clauses Clauses Consolidation Act," and also the seventh and following clauses ses of 14 & 15 thereof, having reference to "Interpretation," "Incorporation," "Powers" Vic. c. 51, in-"Plans and Surveys," "Lands and their Valuation," "Highways and with this Act,

- "Plans and Surveys," "Lands and their Valuation," "Highways and with this Act. 20 Bridges," "Fences," "Tolls," "General Meetings," "Directors, their election and duties," "Shares and their transfer," "Municipalities," "Shareholders," "Actions for Indemnity and Fines and Penalties and their Prosecution," "Working of the Railway," and "General Provisions," as amended or modified by the Act passed in the last Session of the 25 Provincial Parliament, and intituled "An Act in addition to the General
- 25 Provincial Parliament, and initialed "An Act in addition to the General Railway Clauses Consolidation Act," shall be incorporated with this Act, save in so far as they are expressly varied by any clause or provision hereinafter contained; subject always to the following modification of the Proviso. ninth subsection of the clause of the said "Railway Olauses Consolidation
- 30 Act," headed "Plans and Surveys," that is to say, that for Stations, Depots or other works at any places on the line of the said Railway where Stations or Depots thereof may be required, land to the extent of twenty acres may be taken by the said Company without the consent of the owner thereof, but subject otherwise to the provisions of the said Act in that 35 behalf.

II. The said Company are hereby authorised and empowered to lay out, Line of Railconstruct, make and finish a double or single Iron Railway from any place way defined. within the Borough of Sorel or William Henry, in the County of Riche-

40 lieu, on and over any part of the intermediate Country, to any place within the village of Drummondville in the County of Drummond; and thence to the village of Richmond or its environs on the Grand Trunk Railway of Canada, situate within the District of Saint Francis;-And also to lay out, construct, make and finish any Branch or Branches of the said Railway, not exceeding ten miles in length in any case, from any Terminus or Station thereof, under the conditions hereby established for the main Line thereof.

Company may Sec.

III. The said Company are hereby authorised and empowered to erect build Bridges, and construct such Bridges, for the purposes of their Railway or of any Branch thereof, over any part of any River, as they may deem necessary: and also, should they see fit, to adapt such Bridges to the passage of horses, vehicles and passengers, the whole subject to the clauses, condi- 10 tions and stipulations of the Railway Clauses Consolidation Act, and of the Act above mentioned, intituled, "An Act in addition to the General Railway Clauses Consolidation Act,"-and also to take, receive, and exact such rates of Toll upon all horses, animals, vehicles and passengers passing over any Bridge so adapted to the passage thereof, as by the Governor in Council 15 shall from time to time be fixed and allowed; Provided always, that the said Company shall not commence the construction of any Bridge over any stream of a width, at flood water, exceeding 50 yards French measure, until after the plans thereof, and of all works thereunto relating, shall have been submitted to and approved by the Governor in Council. 20

Company may take waste lands of Crown Beaches, &c.

Proviso.

Proviso. Not to interrupt navigation, &c.

IV. The said Company are hereby authorised and empowered to take and appropriate for the use of the said Railway, but not to alienate, so much of the wild lands of the Crown, not heretofore granted or sold, lying on the route of the said Railway, as may be necessary for the said Railway, as also so much of the land covered with the waters of any River, 25 Stream, Lake or Canal, or of their respective beds, as may be found necessary for the making and completing or more conveniently using the same, and thereon to erect such wharves and quays, inclined planes, bridges, cranes and other works, as to the said Company shall seem meet; Provided always, that the said Company shall not cause any obstruction in, 30 or impede the free navigation of any river, stream or canal; and they shall leave such opening between the piers of any bridge or viaduct which they may erect over any navigable stream or canal, and shall construct such draw-bridge or swing-bridge over the channel of such River or Canal as the Governor in Council shall direct; and they shall be subject to such \$5 regulations with regard to the opening and closing of such draw-bridge or swing-bridge, and otherwise, as the Governor in Council shall make from time to time; and they shall not commence the construction of any wharf, bridge, pier or other work, upon the public beach or bed of any navigable river or stream, or upon the lands covered with the waters there- 40 of, until the plans of such work shall have been submitted to and approved by the Governor in Council.

Form of deeds to Company.

Enregistration thereof.

V. All Deeds and Conveyances for lands to be conveyed to the said Company for the purposes of this Act, may, in so far as the title to the said lands, or the circumstances of such parties making such conveyances 45 will admit, be made in the form given in the schedule of this Act marked A., in presence of any two or more witnesses; and for the due epregistration thereof, the said Company shall, at their own expense, furnish the Registrar of each County traversed by the said Railway, with a Book or Books having a sufficient number of copies of the said form therein printed, 50 one on each page, leaving the requisite blanks to suit the various cases of conveyance, such Book or Books authenticated in the manner in which the ordinary Registers of such Registrar are by law required to be authenti-

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cated; and such Book or Books shall by such Begistrars be received and kept as, and shall be, so many Registers of their respective Offices, and they shall therein enregister such Deeds, upon production thereof, and proof of their execution, by the oath of one credible witness, which oath 5 they are hereby authorized to administer; and they shall certify such en-

- registration and the date thereof on each such Deed; and the Company shall pay for such enregistration of and certificate upon each such Deed, the sum of two shillings and sixpence currency, and no more; and such Fee. enregistration shall be to all intents valid in law; and in the absence of
- 10 the original of any such Deed, copies thereof taken from such Register, Registrar's and duly certified by the Registrar having charge thereof, shall be held ^{copies authenand treated as authentic copies of such Deed; and such Registrar shall be entitled to a fee of five shillings currency, and no more, for every such certified copy.}

15 VI. The Capital Stock of the said Company shall be the sum of Eight Capital Stock. hundred thousand dollars, currency, to be divided into sixteen thousand shares of fifty dollars currency each, and shall be raised by the persons and corporations who may become shareholders in such stock; and the money Sharesso raised shall be applied, in the first place, to the payment and discharge Application of

- 20 of all fees, expenses and disbursements for procuring the passage of this Stock. Act, and for making the surveys, plans and estimates, connected with the said Railway; and all the remainder of the said money shall be applied to the making, completing, maintaining and working of the said Railway; and to no other purpose whatever; Provided always, that until the said preli-Provise.
- 25 minary expenses connected with the said Railway shall be paid out of the said capital stock, it shall be lawful for the Municipality of any County, Town, Township, Parish or Village on the line of the said Railway, to pay out of the general funds of such Municipality its fair proportion of such preliminary expenses, which sum shall thereafter be refunded to such
- 30 Municipality from the Capital Stock of the said Company, or be allowed to it in payment of Stock; Provided further that the Capital Stock may be increased at any time, if the Company should find it necessary, by opening new books of subscription, provided the said increase shall not be to a larger amount than six hundred thousand dollars, and that it be raised in 35 the same manner as the first.

VII. In the borrowing of money by way of loan, the Debentures of Form of Dethe said Company may be in the form given in the Schedule of this Act beatures; marked B., or in any other like form, and need not be passed before No- their effect, taries; and the enregistration, in the manner hereinafter set forth, of any trationthereof-such Debenture, in the form of the mid Scherberger in the rest forth. 40 such Debenture, in the form of the said Schedule, in the Registry Office for the County of Richelieu only, shall perfect the hypothèque thereby created; and such hypothèque shall rank from the date of the presentment of such Debenture for enregistration, irrespectively of the date of the execution or of the issuing thereof, and this, even though the same be presented 45 for enregistration, before the issue thereof, and before the contracting of the debt thereby evidenced; and every such Debenture, being enregistered and issued, shall be transferable by delivery, and binding to all intents against the said Company and all parties whatsoever, in favor of the bearer thereof, and shall hypothecate in his favor all the lands, wharves, buildings, ⁵⁰ and real property whatsoever of the said Company, including all rails, and iron thereto affixed, and all other the appurtenances thereto belonging; Proviso. Provided always, that it shall be competent to the said Company, if at any

time they shall see fit, to require the simultaneous enregistration of any number of such unissued Debentures, upon presentment of the same together to the said Registrar with that view; and in such case, the said Registrar shall receive and enregister the same under date of the day and hour of such presentment thereof; and the same shall thereupon bear equal hypothèque, as of such date accordingly.

VIII. The said Company, in case of their requiring the enregistration 5 Further as to enregistration of any Debentures as aforesaid, shall at their own expense furnish the said of Debentures. Registrar with a Book or Books, having a sufficient number of Copies of the said form of Debenture therein printed one on each page, leaving the requisite blanks, and without any interest Coupons thereto, such Book or Books authenticated in the manner in which the ordinary Registers of such 10 Registrar are by law required to be authenticated; and such Book or Books shall by the said Registrar be received and kept as, and shall be so many Registers of the said Office; and he shall therein enregister the said Debentures, upon production thereof, and proof of their execution, by the oath of one credible witness, which oath he is hereby authorized to admin- 15 ister; and he shall certify such enregistration, and the date thereof on each such Debenture; and for such enregistration of and Certificate upon cach such Debenture, he shall be entitled to a fee of one shilling and three Fee therefor. pence Currency, and no more.

Cancelment IX. If after such enregistration any such Debenture of the said Com- 20 and discharge pany shall be presented at the said Registry Office; with the word "Canof Debentures. celled" and the signature to such word added of the President or Secretary of the said Company written across the face thereof, the said Registrar on receipt of a fee of one shilling and three-pence in that behalf, and on proof of such signature by the oath of one credible witness, which oath 25 he is hereby authorised to administer, shall forthwith make an entry in the margin of the Register, against the Registry of such Debenture, to the effect that the same has been cancelled, adding to such entry, the date thereof and his signature ; and thereupon such Debenture shall become and be held cancelled, and shall be fyled and remain of record in the said 30 Registry Office.

First Direc-X. The parties named in the first section of this Act shall be, and torsappointed, they are hereby constituted and appointed the first Directors of the said Term of office. Company, and until others shall be named as hereinafter provided, shall rowers. Constitute the Board of Directors of the said Company, with power to 35 open Stock Books, to make a call upon the shares subscribed therein, to call a meeting of the Subscribers thereto, for the election of other Directors as hereinafter provided, and to lay out the said Railway, and with all such other powers as under the said Railway Clauses Consolidation Act, are vested in such Board.

XI. So soon as one-fifth of the said Capital Stock shall have been sub-First General scribed, it shall be lawful for the said Directors, or a majority of them, by Meeting. Noticethercof, public Notice to be given at least thirty days previous in the Canada Gazette, and also at least fifteen days previous in at least one English and one French Newspaper, published in the City of Montrcal, and in two, of the 45 nearest country papers, to call a First General Meeting of the Shareholders. at such time and place as they shall think proper; and at such. Meeting, and at all times thereafter, it shall be competent to each Municipal Corpo-Directors to represent cer- ration holding Shares to the amount of Five Thousand Dollars, currency, tain municipal to name such person as by Bye-Law in that behalf they shall have seen fit 50 Corporations. to designate, to be, during their pleasure, or for such term as by such Bye-Law may be specified, a Director of the said Company, the fourth subsec.

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tion of the eighteenth Clause of the said Railway Clauses Consolidation Act being in this behalf hereby superseded; and at such Meeting the other Other Direc-Shareholders (hereinafter styled private Shareholders,) present, in person tors at such or by proxy, shall elect ten other Directors of the said Company, who meetings to be shall hold office until the Annual General Meeting of the said Ompany, who chosen. 5 shall hold office until the Annual General Meeting of the said Company next thereafter.

XII. Municipalities and Corporations authorised to take Stock in this Company shall be entitled to be represented in the Board of Directors in the following proportion according to the amount of the Stock taken by 10 them :

> Five Thousand Dollars by One Director. Twenty do Two. do do Three. Fifty do One Hundred do do Four.

XIII.—Provided always, That any person, corporation or par-ty who, before the passing of this Act, has or shall have sub-15 scribed, or authorised any person to subscribe his or her name, or the corporate name of any such corporation, for any amount of Stock in any Stock Book, having the following heading, to-wit: "We, the undersigned, 20 " do hereby agree to form ourselves into a Company to be called ' The "Sorel, Drummondville and Richmond Rail-Road Company," for the pur-"pose of constructing a Rail Road from Sorel to the village of Richmond, "in the Township of Shipton, (Canada East), or its neighbourhood, pass-"ing through Yamaska, River David, Upton, Drummondville, Wickham, 25 "L'Avenir and Durham, and we do hereby declare that the capital stock-" of the said Company shall be of the sum of two hundred thousand pounds, "currency, to be divided into sixteen thousand shares of twelve pounds "ten shillings, said currency, each. And we, the undersigned, do here-"by agree and bind ourselves to take and accept the number of shares set 30 "aside by us opposite to our respective signatures, and to pay the calls "thereon according to the provisions of the Act or Charter for the incor-"poration of the said Company, to be applied for at the ensuing Session "of the Provincial Parliament, and of the Rules, Regulations and $B_{\pi-}$ "Laws of the said Company, in that behalf; provided that no instalment of 35 "more than ten per cent on each share shall be made payable at any one "time, and that four calendar months, at least, shall elapse between the "days of payment of such instalment. And we do further agree to conform " to the clauses of the aforesaid Act of Incorporation, when passed. Wit-"ness our hands the third day of March, in the year of Our Lord, one 40 " thousand eight hundred and fifty-four,"-shall be deemed to have sub-

scribed for the amount of shares set opposite to their respective names, and shall have all the rights, and be subject to all the liabilities which they would have or be liable to, if they had subscribed for a like amount of stock under the provisions of this Act.

45 XIV. The Annual General Meetings of the said Company shall be held Annual Genethereafter, on the first Monday in the month of May yearly, or on such ral Meetings. other day as shall be appointed by any Bye-Law of the said Company, and at such place and hour as by such Bye-Law shall be appointed; and public notice thereof shall be given at least thirty days previous in the Canada Notice thereof. 50 Gazette, and also at least fifteen days previous in at least one English and

one French Newspaper published in the City of Montreal; and at every such Annual General Meeting the said private Stockholders shall elect ten Directors.

Directors of the said Company, to hold office until the next Annual Genethereat to be choosen. ral Meeting.

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XV. All elections of Directors by the said private Shareholders shall be by ballot; and the ten persons having the greatest number of votes at any election shall be declared elected; and if it shall happen that two or more have an equal number of votes, the said private Shareholders shall proceed to ballot anew, until a choice shall be made; and no person shall 5 be qualified to be elected such Director by the said private Shareholders unless he be a Shareholder holding Stock in the said Company, and having paid up all calls due on his stock.

XVI. At all Meetings of the said Company, the Stock held by Municipal 10 Stock of municipalities, how Corporations shall be represented by such person or persons as they shall to be reprerespectively have appointed in that behalf by Bye-Law, or in default of sented. such Byc-Law, by the Mayor of such Municipal Corporation, and such Mayor or other person or persons shall at such meeting be entitled equally with other Snarcholders to vote by proxy; And each Sharcholder shall be 15 Provies. Votes general- entitled to a number of votes equal to the number of shares, not exceeding one hundred, held in the name of such Shareholder for at least one month prior to the time of voting; Provided always, that no Municipal Corpora-Proviso. tion entitled to name a Director shall vote at any election of the ten Directors to be chosen by the other Shareholders as aforesaid; and no 20 Proviso. Shareholder shall be entitled to vote on any matter whatever, unless all calls due on the stock held in the name of such Shareholder shall have been paid up, at least eighteen hours before the hour appointed for such Meeting.

XVII. From and after the said First General Meeting of the said Company, 25 Board of Directors. the ten Directors so chosen as aforesaid, and the Directors representing Municipal Corporations as aforesaid, shall form the Board of Directors of the said Company; and if any vacancy shall occur among the said ten Vacancies. Directors, by death, resignation or otherwise, a majority of the remaining Members of the Board may elect any qualified Shareholder to fill such 30 vacancy, until the next Annual General Meeting of the said Company.

XVIII. Five Members of the Board of Directors of the said Company shall Quorum of Directors. be a guorum thereof for the transaction of business; and the said Board may employ one or more of their number as paid Director or Directors. Paid Direct-

XIX. The Directors may at any time call upon the Shareholders for such 35 Instalments upon each Share held by the said Shareholders in the Capital Stock of the said Company, as to them the said Directors may seem fit; Provided always, that no such instalment shall exceed ten per centum upon the amount of each share, and that before any instalment shall become due, at least one month's notice thereof shall be given in such manner as the 40 said Directors shall appoint, and that an interval of at least four months shall elapse between the times to be fixed for the falling due of any two instalments.

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oath, as the case may be, for the said Company; and such declaration, answers, or oath, as the case may be, shall be taken as the declaration, answers, or oath of the said Company, to all intents whatsoever; and the production and fyling in Court, by such officer, of a copy of such vote or 5 resolution, certified by the Secretary of the said Company under common

seal, shall be conclusive evidence of his authorization as in and by such copy set forth.

XXI. In any case of neglect or refusal to pay the toll or freight due to Procedure as the said Company upon any goods of a perishable nature, or which cannot to perishable 10 be kept as by the said Railway Clauses Consolidation Act is provided, goods, wherewithout great deterioration or loss of value, the agents or servants of the paid. said Company, upon the written certificate of two disinterested and competent persons to that effect, and after giving one month's notice in the "Canada Gazette," and in two newspapers published at, or as near as may 15 be possible to, the locality where such goods may be, may dispose of the same by public auction; and in such case the proceeds shall thereafter be disposed of in manner as in and by the said Railway Clauses Consolidation Act is provided in respect of any sale made as thereby authorised.

XXII. The said Company shall have power to become a party to promis- How Compa-20 sory notes and bills of exchange for sums not less than twenty-five pounds my to be party currency; and any such promissory note made and endorsed, and any such to Promissory Notes of Bills bill of exchange, drawn, accepted, or endorsed, by the President or Vice- of Exchange. President of the said Company, and countersigned by the Secretary and Treasurer thereof, under authority of a *quorum* of the Directors, shall be 25 binding upon the said Company; and every such promissory note or bill of exchange, so made, drawn, accepted, or endorsed by the President or Vice-President of the said Company, and countersigned by the Secretary and Treasurer thercof, shall be presumed to have been properly so made, drawn, accepted or endorsed, as the case may be, unless the contrary he 30 shown; and it shall not be necessary to have the seal of the said Company

- affixed to such promissory note or bill of exchange; nor shall the officers of the said Company, signing or countersigning the same or such acceptance or endorsement thereof, he thereby subjected individually to any liability whatever; Provided always that nothing herein contained shall be Proviso. 35 held to authorise the said Company to issue any note or bill payable to
- bearer or intended to be circulated as money or as the notes of a bank.

XXIII. The said Company shall have the right to hire, build, purchase, or Company may otherwise acquire, and to take and hold, one or more Steamboats or other hold Steamvessels to ply between the Sorel Terminus of their said Railway or any boats, &c.

- 40 wharf near the same, and any place or places not more than fifty miles therefrom, on the River Richelieu or on the River Saint Lawrence or on or within Lake Saint Peter; And it shall further be lawful for them with such Steamboat or Steamboats to hold and maintain a Steam Ferry or And maintain Ferries, between such Terminus or wharf and any such other place or Ferry.
- 45 places, and to take, receive and exact tolls on all manner of goods, chattels, merchandize, horses, animals, vehicles and passengers whatsoever, conveyed over the same; Provided always, that such Ferry or Ferries Proviso. shall, in such cases, be held and maintained in conformity with any regulations to be from time to time laid down therefor, by the Governor in
- 50 Council, and that no higher or other rates of toll shall be exacted, taken or received thereat, than such as the Governor in Council by such regulations shall allow.

Company may

XXIV: The said Company shall have the right to subscribe for, purchase bold and part or otherwise acquire, and to take and hold, and at their pleasure to alienate with Stock in Rail- Stock in any Railway or Steamboat Company, whose line of operations may way or Steam- in any wise connect with, or intersect the line of route of the said Comboat Compan- pany; and the Directors of the said Company may from time to time authorize any one or more persons to vote upon such stock at any meetings of such Railway or Steamboat Company; Provided always, that 5 before so acquiring or alienating any such stock, the Directors of the said Company shall have obtained authority therefor, from the Shareholders of the said Company duly assembled at a general meeting thereof.

Company may make certain agreements with other Railway Companies.

XXV. It shall be lawful for the said Company to enter into any agreement . with any other Railway Company, whether Canadian or Foreign, whose 10 line of operations may in any wise connect with or intersect the line of route of the said Company, for the leasing of the said Railway or any part thereof-or the use thereof at any time or times, to such other Company,or for the leasing or hiring out to such other Company of any Locomotives, Cars, Carriages, Tenders, or other moveable property of the said Company, 15 either altogether or for any time or times, occasion or occasions,-or for the leasing or hiring from such other Company of any Railway or part thereof or the use thereof at any time or times,-or for the leasing or hiring from such other Company of any Locomotives, Cars, Carriages, Tenders, or other moveable property, either altogether or for any time or 20 times, occasion or occasions,---or for the using of the whole or any part of the said Railway,-or of the moveable property of the said Company, or of the Railway or moveable property of such other Company, in common by the two Companies,—or generally, to make any agreement or agreements with such other Company touching the use by one or other, or both 25 of such Companies, of the Railway or moveable property of either or both, or of any part thereof, or touching any service to be rendered by the one Company to the other, and the compensation thercof; and any Locomotive, Car, Carriage or Tender of any Foreign Railway Company, brought into this Province in pursuance of such agreement, but remaining the pro- 30 perty of such Foreign Company, and intended to pass regularly along the said Railway and between this Province and a Foreign State, shall for all purposes of the laws relative to Customs, be considered as carriages of travellers coming into this Province with the intent of immediately leaving it again; Provided always, that no such agreement as aforesaid shall be 35 valid or binding for more than seven consecutive years from the date thereof in any case, nor for more than one year from the date thereof, unless in the course of such year it be ratified by the Shareholders of the said Company duly assembled at a general meeting thercof.

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Company may unite with other Railway Companies.

XXVI. It shall be lawful for the said Company at any time hereafter to 40unite with any other Railway Company, whose Railway may join or intersect their Railway, or with the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada, upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon or assented to at a general meeting of each of such Companies specially convened for that purpose, and by a majority of votes of all the Shareholders of each thereof; and there- 45 after, the Companies so united shall form one and the same Company, to all intents, as though the same were united under and in virtue of the Acts of this Province, passed in the sixteenth year of Her Majesty's Reign, and intituled respectively, An Act to empower any Railway Company whose Ruilway forms part of the Main Trunk Line of Railway throughout this Pro- 50 vince, to unite with any other such Company, or to purchase the property and rights of such Company, and to repeal certain Acts therein mentioned, incorpoting Railway Companies" and "An Act to extend the provisions of the Railway Companies Union Act, to Companies whose Railways intersect the Main Trunk Line or touch places which the said Line also touches."

SCHEDULE A.

Know all men by these presents, that I, [or we as the case may be,] A. B., of in consideration of paid to me by The Sorel, Drummondville, and Richmond Railway Company, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do hereby grant, bargain, sell, convey, and confirm unto the said Company, their successors and assigns, for ever, all that tract or parcel [or, those tracts or parcels, as the case may be,] of land situate, [here describe the lands,] the same having been selected and laid out by the said Company for the purposes of their Railway; To have and to hold the said lands and premises, with all appurtenances thereto, to the said Sorel, Drummondville, and Richmond Railway Company, their successors and assigns for ever. [here add clause for release of Dower, if any.]

Witness my hand and seal, [or, our hands and seals, as the case may be,] this day of in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and Signed, scaled, and delivered in presence of)

> L. M. N. O.

A. B. L. S.

SCHEDULE B.

Sorel, Drummondville, and Richmond Railway. No. £ sterling, [or, currency, as the case may be,]

This Debenture witnesseth that The Sorel, Drummondville, and Richmond Railway Company, under authority of the Statute of the Province of Canada, passed in the year of Her Majesty's Reign, initiuled, An Act to incorporate the Sorel, Drummondville, and Richmond Railway Company, are indebted to the bearer hereof in the sum of sterling, [or currency, as the case may be,] as a loan, to bear interest from the date of the issue hereof, at the rate of per centum, per annum, payable half yearly on the day of , and on the

day of ; which said sum of sterling, [or currency, as the case may be,] the said Company hereby bind and oblige themselves to pay on the day of in the year of Our c¹⁵ And for the due payment of the said sum of money and interest, the said Company, under authority of the said Statute, do hereby hypothecate the real estate and appurtenances hereinafter described, that is to say, the whole of their Railway, known as the *Sorel*, *Drummondville*, and *Richmond Railway*, and all branches thereof, including all the lands, wharves, buildings and real property whatsoever of the said Company, and all rails and iron thereto affixed, and all the other appurtenances thereto belonging.

In testimony whereof, A. B. of President of the said Company, hath hereto set his signature and affixed the common seal of the said Company, at this day of in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and L. S. A. B., Countersigned and entered. President.

C. D., Secretary.

I certify that this Debenture was duly presented for enregistration in the Registry Office for the County of Richelieu, on the day of in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and at of the clock in the noon, and is accordingly enregistered in the Register for such Debentures marked at page number

E. F. Registrar. Issued to L. M. of this day of in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and