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An Act to amend An Act to encourage the establishment of certain Societies commonly called Building Societies, in that part of the Province of Canada formerly constituting Upper Canada.

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An Act to amend the Law respecting Building Societies in Upper Canada.

WHEREAS by the seventh section of the Act to encourage the Preamble. establishment of certain Societies commonly called Building Societies, passed in the ninth year of the Reign of Her Majesty, it is enacted, that no rule of any society shall be altered, rescinded or re-5 pealed, unless at a General Meeting of the members of such society, convened in manner as in the said seventh section of the said Act prescribed, and which said meeting shall consist of not less than onethird of the shareholders; three-fourths of which meeting must concur in the proposed alterations or repeal: And whereas it has been found 10 inconvenient to obtain the personal attendance of one-third of the stockholders of any society; Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows:

I. From and after the passing of this Act, it shall be lawful for any In what mansociety to alter, amend, repeal or create any regulation, rule or by-law acc., may berefor the working of the said society, at a public meeting of the memafter be made bers of such society convened as directed by the said seventh section or amended. of the said Act, and at which public meeting, one-third of the members of the said society entitled to votes by the rules of the said society, and representing not less than two-thirds of the unadvanced stock of 20 such society, shall, either in writing under their hand or by a vote at such meeting, concur in such alteration, amendment or repeal of such regulation, rule, by-law, or in the creation of any new rule, regulation or by-law.

II. Every society, by its rules, regulations and by-laws, authorized Power to borrow money, shall not at any time after the passing of this Act, capital to be borrow, receive, take or retain, otherwise than in stock or shares in liable. such society, from any person or persons, any greater sum than threefourths of the amount of capital actually paid in on unadvanced shares and invested in real securities by such society; and the paid up and 30 subscribed capital of the society shall be liable for the amount so borrowed, received or taken by any society.

III. When any share or shares in any society shall have been fully Certain rights paid up, according to the rules of the society, or have become due and given to hold-payable to the holder thereof, then, and in such case it shall be shares or 35 lawful for the holder of such share or shares, either to withdraw the shares due to amount of his said share or shares from the society, according to the the holder. rules and regulations thereof, or to invest the amount of his said share or shares in the said society and to receive therefrom, periodically, such proportions of the profits made by such society as shall be pro-

vided for by a by-law to be framed for the purpose, and the amount of such share or shares so invested shall become fixed and permanent capital or shares in the said society, not withdrawable therefrom, but transferable in the same manner as other shares in the society.

Loans may be made on unborrowed shares. IV. It shall and may be lawful for any society to loan to members of 5 such society, on the security of unborrowed shares in the society, and to receive and take from any person or persons or bodies corporate, any specialty, security of any nature or kind whatever, as collateral security for any advance made to members of the society.

Societies may hold real estate for places of business. V. It shall be lawful for any society to hold absolutely real property 10 for the purpose of its place of business, not exceeding the annual value of ten thousand dollars.