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WHEREAS, the Welland Railway Company 220, 220, its Acts, authority to raise a Share Capital to the amount of One Mil-[] HEREAS, the Welland Railway Company has, under the powers of Preamble. lion Dollars. in Ten Thousand shares of One Hundred Dollars each; but, by reason of certain shares not having been issued, and of the forfeiture 5 of certain shares which have been issued, the number of shares now held in the Company is reduced to Seven Thousand Nine Hundred and Two shares, representing a Capital Stock of Seven Hundred and Ninety Thousand Two Hundred Dollars; and whereas, it is expedient that the Company should be empowered to issue the 10 shares so remaining unissued, and to re-issue the shares so forfeited with such preferential rights of dividend and privileges as are hereinafter mentioned; and whereas, it is also expedient to declare and define the capital of the Company, and to authorize the Company to raise further capital, and for this and other purposes to amend the Acts 15 and enlarge the powers of the Company: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

- 1, This Act may, for all purposes, be cited as "Welland Railway Short title. Act, 1863," and the expression, "the Company" as hereinafter used, 20 shall denote the Welland Railway Company.
- 2. The present authorized Share Capital of the Company is hereby Definition of declared to be the sum of One Million of Dollars, consisting of Ten Share Capital Thousand shares of One Hundred Dollars each: provided that it shall be lawful for the Company to resolve that the capital shall be converted 25 into the equivalent of pounds sterling, and the nominal amount of the shares shall thereupon be altered accordingly.
- 3. The Directors may, from time to time, make calls upon the shares Power to call not paid up in full until the same, respectively, shall be paid up; and up unpaid the calls so made, in the manner provided by law, shall be recoverable 30 as debts to the Company in like manner as ordinary calls are recoverable; provided no call shall exceed ten per cent, and that the intervals at which successive calls shall be made shall not be less than two calendar months.
- 4. It shall be lawful for the Company, with the sanction of a General Power to cre35 Meeting of the Company convened with notice of the purpose to raise, at further
 for the purposes of their undertaking, a further capital, not exceeding
 One Million of Dollars or the equivalent in pounds sterling, and for that
 purpose to create and issue new shares of such nominal amount, and to
 issue them on such terms and at such prices as the Meeting may appoint
 40 or authorize the Directors to determine.

Power to atto Shares.

5. It shall be lawful for the Company to issue the shares remaining tach preferen- unissued, and to re-issue any forfeited shares, as and when it may be deemed expedient, and at any meeting convened with notice of the purpose to attach to the shares te be so issued and re-issued, respectively, and also to the new shares to be created and issued under the authority of this Act, or, from time to time, to any part or parts thereof, a right to a preferential dividend not exceeding the rate of ten per cent per annum, with such conditions as to the right of voting and such other privileges and incidents (if any) as such meeting may think proper and determine.

Calls on new Shares.

6. The calls on the shares respectively to be issued and re-issued under the authority of this Act shall be of such amount and made at such intervals as the Directors shall appoint and determine.

Recital.

- 7. And, whereas, at a General Meeting of the Company, held at the London Tavern, Bishopsgate Street, London, on the fourteenth day of 15 December, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-Nine, the following persons were duly elected Directors of the Company, viz., George Payne Kilson, Frederick Charles Gaussen, James Whatman Bosanquet, Samuel Parker Bidder, Richard Blaney Wade and Thomas Brassey, Esquires, all resident in England; and William Hamilton Merritt, the 20 younger, Elias S. Adams and James R. Benson, resident in Canada, and at such meeting it was resolved as follows:-
- 1. That at the General Meeting to be holden every year for the choice of Directors after the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty, two of the Directors who shall have been elected as residents in England 25 if the number of such Directors amounts to six, and one if their number amounts only to five, and none if their number does not exceed four, and one of the Directors who shall have been elected as residents in Canada, if the number of such Directors amounts to three, and none if heir number does not exceed two, shall retire from office by rotation.

2. That the General Meeting for the choice of Directors shall be held in the month of May in every year, unless the Directors shall appoint another day within forty-eight days after the end of that month, in which case such General Meeting shall be held on such other day.

3. That the Directors who shall retire in each year shall be those who 35 have served longest, the period of service being computed as to each Director from his election, or if he has been elected more than once, from his last election.

4. That if those who have served longest have served for equally long periods of time, and their number exceeds the number prescribed 40 for retiring, then those who shall retire shall be chosen from them by lot.

5. That retiring Directors shall be eligible for re-election.

6. That at any meeting for choosing Directors, the number of those elected as resident in England shall be made up to six, and the number of those elected as resident in Canada shall be made up to three.

7. That every Director who ceases to reside in the country as a resi-

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dent whereof he is elected, shall thereby vacate his office.

8. That if a vacancy by death, resignation, ceasing to reside or otherwise happen between two meetings for choice of Directors, the Directors may elect a new Director who shall hold his office only to the next 50 meeting for the choice of Directors, and shall at that meeting vacate it before the numbers are counted for ascertaining how many are to retire by rotation.

9. That the Directors be and they are hereby empowered to appoint a Manager to be resident in Canada on such terms and for such remu- 55 neration as to the Directors shall seem fit, and as shall not exceed the

powers of the Company:

Therefore the number, order of rotation and other provisions as to the Order of rotaappointment and constitution of the Board of Directors prescribed by tion and conthe said resolutions shall be followed, and the said Directors shall go out Directors. of office according to the said resolutions, unless and until the Company 5 shall, by resolution of any future special General Meeting, to be held under the authority of the Statutes of the Company, alter and vary such resolutions.

8. All acts done by any meeting of the Directors, or of a Committee Acts of Diof Directors, or by any person acting as a Directorshall, notwithstanding rectors to be 10 it may be afterwards discovered that there was some defect in the apwithstanding pointment of any such Directors or persons acting as aforesaid, or that defects in they or any of them were or was disqualified, be as valid as if every such their appointperson had been duly appointed and was qualified to be a Director.

9. And, whereas, the Company being indebted to various persons to Recital. 15 a large amount, judgments have been obtained against them by some of such creditors, and executions have been issued upon the rolling stock of the Company; and whereas provisional arrangements have been made for satisfying such judgments and revesting the rolling stock of the Company by the issue of second Mortgage Bonds for Fifty Thousand 20 Pounds Sterling, and other floating liabilities of the Company may also be provided for by means of such Bonds or the moneys to be raised thereby, and such Bonds have been subscribed for on condition that the amount thereof, to the extent of Fifty Thousand Pounds, shall be a second charge upon the whole undertaking (but subject to the Bonds for 25 One Hundred Thousand Pounds already issued, and a first charge upon

such rolling stock: therefore the second Mortgage Bonds whether Second Mortalready issued or to be issued to the extent aforesaid, and the principal gage Bonds to and interest thereby secured shall become and be a charge upon the un- be a charge dertaking of the Company (subject only to the Bonds for One Hundred on Rolling Stock.

- 30 Thousand Pounds already issued, and the interest thereon) and also a first charge on all the rolling stock of the said Railway Company and any and every replacement and renewal thereof or any addition thereto. not exceeding in the whole the amount, for the time being, due on such second Mortgage Bonds.
- 10. The Directors of the Company shall have full power to issue Power to is-Bonds in lieu of the present first and second Mortgage Bonds as the Bonds. same shall respectively become due.