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**PRIVATE BILL.**

MR. WOOLMAN.

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**An Act to incorporate the Metropolitan Bank.**

**W**HEREAS, Samuel Waddell, Maurice Cuvillier, M. P. Ryan, Henry Hogan, Adolphe Caron, and others, have, by their Petition, prayed that they might be incorporated for the purpose of establishing a Bank in the City of Montreal, in the Province of Quebec; and, whereas, it is desirable to grant the prayer of their Petition; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:—

1. The several persons hereinbefore named, and such other persons as may become shareholders in the Corporation to be by this Act created, and their assigns shall be, and they are hereby created, constituted and declared to be a Corporation, body corporate and politic, by the name of the "Metropolitan Bank."
2. The Capital Stock of the said Bank shall be one million of dollars, divided into ten thousand shares of one hundred dollars each, which said shares shall be and are hereby vested in the several persons who shall subscribe for the same, their heirs, legal representatives and assigns.
3. For the purpose of organizing the said Bank, and of raising the amount of the said Capital Stock, the persons hereinbefore mentioned shall be Provisional Directors thereof, and they or the majority of them may cause stock books to be opened after giving due public notice thereof; upon which stock books shall and may be received the signatures and subscriptions of such parties or persons as desire to become Shareholders in the said Bank; and such books shall be opened at Montreal aforesaid and elsewhere, at the discretion of the Provisional Directors, and shall be kept open so long as they shall deem necessary; and so soon as five hundred thousand dollars of the Capital Stock shall have been subscribed upon the said stock books, and one hundred thousand dollars thereof actually paid into some one of the present Chartered Banks in Canada, a public meeting shall be called of the subscribers thereof, by notice published at least two weeks in two newspapers of the said City of Montreal, such meeting to be held in Montreal aforesaid, at such time as such notice shall indicate; and at such meeting the subscribers shall proceed to elect seven Directors, having the requisite stock qualification, who shall from thenceforward manage the affairs of the said Corporation, shall take charge of the stock books hereinbefore referred to, and shall continue in office until the second Tuesday in March, which shall be in the year next after the year in which they are so elected, and until their successors in office shall be duly elected; and immediately upon such election being had the functions of the said Provisional Directors shall cease.
4. The chief place or seat of business of the said Corporation, shall be in the City of Montreal, but it shall and may be

Preamble.

Incorporation.

Capital and Shares.

Provisional Directors opening books &amp;c.

General meeting and election of Directors.

Chief seat of business, and branch offices.

lawful for the Directors of the said Corporation to open and establish in other cities or towns and places, in this Dominion, branches or offices of discount and deposit of the said Corporation, under such rules and regulations for the good and faithful management of the same, as to the Directors shall from time to time seem meet, and as shall not be repugnant to any law in force in Canada, to this Act, or to the By-Laws of the said Corporation. 5

Annual election of Directors.

5. For the management of the affairs of the said Corporation there shall be seven Directors, who shall be annually elected by the shareholders of the Corporation at a general meeting of them, 10 to be held annually in the said City of Montreal, on the second Tuesday in March, beginning on the second Tuesday in March, which shall be in the year next after the first election of Directors, hereinbefore provided for.

Quorum at meeting of Directors. Who shall preside. Casting vote.

6. At all meetings of the Directors of the said Corporation, not less than four of them shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; and at the said meetings the President, or in his absence, the Vice-President, or in their absence, one of the Directors present, to be chosen *pro tempore*, shall preside; and the President, Vice-President, or President, *pro tempore*, so presiding, shall vote as a 20 Director, and if there be an equal division on any question, shall have an additional or casting vote.

General Acts of present Session to apply.

7. The Act passed during the present session of Parliament, intituled An Act relating to Banks and Banking, and all the provisions thereof, shall apply to the Bank thereby incorporated in the same manner as if it were expressly incorporated with this Act, 25 excepting so far as such provisions they relate to Banks already in existence, or to Banks *en commandite*.

Duration of this Act.

8. This Act shall remain in force until the first day of July, in the year of our Lord 1881. 30