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**An Act to alter and amend the Charter of The Great Western Rail-road Company. 30th May, 1849.**

Whereas in and by the Act passed in the ninth year of Her Majesty's Reign, and intituled, An Act to alter and amend the Charter of the Great Western Rail-road Company, certain extraordinary powers, rights and privileges were granted to the Stockholders resident in England and a Corresponding Committee established in London, England, in consideration of the large amount of capital stock of the Company held in that country; And whereas the President and Directors of the said Company have by petition, by and with the consent of the English Stockholders, prayed for the repeal of so much of said recited Act as relates to the establishment of the said Corresponding Committee, and so place the said Stockholders on the same common ground with the other Stockholders of the Company; And whereas it is proper to grant such petition: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, intituled, *An Act to re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the Government of Canada*, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the provisions of the said recited Act, so far as they are inconsistent with this Act and the provisions herein contained, shall be, and the same are hereby repealed.

II. And be it enacted, That so much of the first Section of the said Act as relates to affording protection to the English Stockholders of the said Company, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

III. And be it enacted, That the second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh, twelfth, thirteenth, fourteenth, fifteenth, sixteenth, seventeenth, eighteenth, nineteenth, twentieth, twenty-first and twenty-second Sections of the said recited Act, he, and the same are hereby repealed.

IV. And be it enacted, That any Shareholder in the said Company, be he or she a British Subject or alien, a resident in Canada or elsewhere, shall have equal rights to hold stock in the said Company, to vote on the same, and be eligible to office in the said Company.

V. And be it enacted, That every Shareholder in the said Company shall be entitled to appoint any person whomsoever, being also a Shareholder, to vote and act for him or her by proxy, at all general meetings of the Company, and for the election of Directors, and that each Shareholder shall be entitled to give one vote for each and every share of capital stock held by him or her.

VI. And be it enacted, That the number of Directors in the said Company shall be and consist of eleven instead of seven.

VII. And be it enacted, That this Act is and shall be for all purposes and in all Courts of Justice regarded as a Public Act, and the same as such shall be judicially noticed without being specially pleaded.