

*Laws of Her Majesty's Province of United Canada*, passed in the year 1856. Quebec: Stewart Derbyshire and George Desbarts, 1856.

20 Victoria – Chapter 122

**An Act to incorporate the Union Bank of Canada. Assented to 1st July, 1856.**

Whereas the persons whose names are hereinafter mentioned, have by their petition prayed, that they and their legal representatives may be incorporated for the purpose of establishing a Bank in the City of Hamilton, and have represented that there is a great deficiency of Banking Capital in the said City; And whereas it would greatly conduce to the prosperity of that locality, and of the Province generally, by aiding to develop the commercial and agricultural resources thereof, if such Bank were established: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

I. The Honorable Sir Allan Napier McNab, the Honorable Walter Dickson, the Honorable Joseph C. Morrison, Arthur Rankin, Jaspar T. Gilkeson, Hugh Bowlsby Willson, Samuel Black Freeman, Richard Porter Street, George William Burton, Edmund Ritchie, Hugh C. Baker, Daniel C. Gunn, James D. McKay, James D. Pringle, James Adam, John Osborne, John W. Willson, John F Moore, Nehemiah Merritt, Valentine H. Tisdale, Thomas Stinson, George Rykert and James Little, Esquires, of Canada, and the Honorable Silas M. Holmes, Eber B. Ward and Uriah Tracy Howe, Esquires, of Detroit, Michigan, and Henry Martin Benedict, Esquire, of New York, and William McKenzie Shaw, Esquire, of St. Germain en Laye in France, and such other persons as may become Shareholders in the Bank 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 "Union Bank of Canada," and shall continue such Corporation and shall have perpetual succession, and a corporate seal, with power to alter and change the same at pleasure, and may sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded in all Courts of Law as other Corporations may do, and shall have the power to acquire and hold real and immoveable estate for the management of their business, not exceeding the annual value of five thousand pounds currency, and may sell, alienate or exchange the same and acquire other instead, and pray when duly organized as hereinafter provided, make, ordain and establish such rules, regulations and by-laws as to them shall seem meet and necessary for the due and proper administration of their affairs and the due management of the said Bank (such by-laws and regulations not being inconsistent with this Act, or contrary to the laws of this Province): Provided however, that such rules, regulations and by-laws shall be submitted for approval to the Stockholders or Shareholders in the said Bank, at their regular annual meetings.

II. The capital Stock of the said Bank shall be one million of pounds of lawful money of Great Britain, divided into fifty thousand shares of twenty pounds of like lawful money each, which said shares shall be and are hereby vested in the several persons who shall subscribe for the same, their legal representatives and assigns.

III. As soon as two hundred thousand pounds of the said Capital Stock shall have been subscribed and fifty thousand pounds actually paid in thereupon, it shall and may be lawful for the subscribers, or the majority of them, to call a meeting at some place to be named, in the City of Hamilton, for the purpose of proceeding to the election of the number of Directors for the said Bank hereinafter mentioned, and such election shall then and there be made by a majority of shares voted upon, in the manner hereinafter prescribed in respect of the Annual election of Directors; and the persons then and there chosen, shall be the first Directors, and shall be capable of serving until the third Monday in June then next ensuing the said election; Provided always, that no such meeting of the said subscribers shall take place until a notice specifying the objects of such meeting is published in one or more newspapers published in the Cities of Hamilton and such other places as a majority of the Corporation may direct, at least twenty days previous to such time of meeting.

IV. The shares of the Capital Stock subscribed for shall be paid in and by such instalments, and at such times and places as the said Directors shall appoint; and Executors, Administrators and Curators paying instalments upon the shares of deceased Shareholders, shall be and they are hereby respectively indemnified for paying the same; Provided always, that no share or shares shall be held to be lawfully subscribed for, unless a sum equal at least to ten pounds per centum on the amount subscribed for, be actually paid at the time of subscribing; Provided further, that it shall not be lawful for the subscribers of the Capital Stock hereby authorized to be raised, to commence the business of Banking, until a sum not less than fifty thousand pounds shall have been duly paid in by such subscribers; Provided further, that the remainder of the said Capital Stock shall be subscribed and paid up as follows, that is to say, the sum of one hundred thousand pounds within eighteen months, the further sum of two hundred thousand pounds within three years, the further sum of two hundred thousand pounds within four years, and the further sum of four hundred and fifty thousand pounds within five years after the Bank shall have so commenced the business of Banking under penalty of forfeiture of their charter.

V. The stock, property, affairs and concerns of the said Bank shall be managed and conducted by ten Directors, one of whom to be the President, who, excepting as is hereinbefore provided for, shall hold their offices for one year, which Directors shall be Stockholders residing in the Province, and be elected on the third Monday in June in every year, at such time of the day and at such place in the City of Hamilton aforesaid, as a majority of the Directors for the time being shall appoint; and public notice shall be given by the Directors as hereinbefore provided in the third section, previous to the time of holding such election; and the said election shall be held and made by such of the said Shareholders of the said Bank as shall attend for the purpose in their own proper person or by proxy; and all elections for Directors shall be by ballot, and the said proxies shall only be capable of being held and voted upon by Shareholders then present; and the ten persons who shall have the greatest number of votes at any election shall be the Directors, except as hereinafter directed; and if it should happen at any election that two or more persons have an equal number of votes in such a manner that a greater number of persons shall, by a plurality of votes appear to be chosen as Directors, then the Directors who shall have had a greater number of votes, or the majority of them, shall determine which of the said persons, so having an equal number of votes, shall be the Director or Directors, so as to complete the whole number of ten;

and the said Directors as soon as may be after the said election, shall proceed in like manner to elect by ballot, two of their number to be the President and Vice-President; Provided always, that no person shall be eligible to be or continue as Director unless he shall hold in his name and for his own use, stock in the said Bank to the amount of forty shares, and shall be a natural-born or naturalized subject of Her Majesty, and resident in this Province.

VI. In case it should at any time happen that an election of Directors of the said Bank should not be made on any day when pursuant to this Act it ought to have been made, the said Corporation shall not for that cause be deemed to be dissolved, but it shall and may be lawful on any other day to hold and make an election of Directors in such manner as shall have been regulated by the By-laws of the said Bank.

VII. Each Shareholder shall be entitled to a number of votes proportioned to the number of shares which he or she shall have held in the said Bank, in his or her own name, at least three months prior to the time of voting, according to the following scale, that is to say, one share and not more than two, one vote, and for every two shares above two, one vote; and all questions proposed for the consideration of the said shareholders shall be determined by the majority of their votes, the Chairman elected to preside at any such meeting of the said shareholders shall have the casting vote; Provided always, that no Cashier, Bank-Clerk, or other officer of the Bank shall either vote in person or by proxy at any meeting for the election of Directors, or hold a proxy for that purpose.

VIII. The Books, Correspondence and Funds of the Corporation shall at all times be subject to the inspection of the Directors, but no shareholder not being a Director, shall inspect or be allowed to inspect the account or accounts of any person dealing with the Corporation.

IX. It shall be the duty of the Directors of the said Bank to make half yearly dividends, of so much of the profits of the said Bank, as to them or the majority of them shall appear advisable.

X. The Directors for the time being, or the major part of them, shall have power to make such By-laws and regulations not repugnant to the provisions of this Act or the laws of this Province, as to them shall appear needful and proper, touching the management and disposition of the stock, property, estate and effects of the said Bank, and touching the duties and conduct of the Officers, Clerks and Servants employed therein, and for the calling of Special General Meetings of the Shareholders, prescribing how and under what circumstances the same shall be called, and all such other matters as appertain to the business of a Bank, and shall also have power to appoint as many Officers, Clerks and Servants for carrying on the said business, and with such salaries and allowances as to them shall seem meet, and shall have power to make such calls of money from the several shareholders for the time being, upon the shares in the said Bank subscribed for by them respectively, as the said Board shall find necessary, and in the corporate name of the said Bank to sue for, recover and get in all such calls, or to cause and declare such shares to be forfeited to the said Bank in case of non-payment of any such call; and an action of debt may be brought to recover any money due on any such call; And it shall not be necessary to set forth the special matter in the declaration, but it shall be sufficient to allege that the Defendant is the holder of one

share or more (as the case may be), in the Capital Stock of the said Bank, and is indebted for calls upon the said share or shares to the said Bank, in the sum to which the call or calls amount, (as the case may be, stating the number and amount of such calls), whereby an action hath accrued to the said Corporation, to recover the same from such Defendant by virtue of this Act; and it shall be sufficient to maintain such action, to prove any one witness (a shareholder being competent) that the Defendant at the time of making any such call, was a shareholder in the number of shares alleged, and to produce the By-law or resolution of the Board making and prescribing such call, and to prove notice thereof given in conformity with such By-law or Resolution, and it shall not be necessary to prove the appointment of the said Board of Directors or any other matter whatsoever; Provided that each such call shall be made at intervals of thirty days, and upon notice to be given at least thirty days prior to the day on which such call shall be payable, and any such call shall not exceed twenty per cent of each share subscribed; And provided always, that before permitting any Manager, Officer, Clerk or Servant of the Corporation to enter upon the duties of his office, the Directors shall require every such Manager, Officer, Clerk or Servant, to give Bond, to the satisfaction of the Directors, that-is to say, every Manager, in a sum not less than Five Thousand Pounds, current money of Canada, and every other Officer, Clerk or Servant, in such sum of money as the Directors consider adequate to the trust to be reposed, with condition for good and faithful behaviour.

XI. The Directors, including the said President and Vice-President, shall be entitled to such emoluments for their services as may be fixed by any order or resolution passed at the usual Annual Meeting of Shareholders; and any five shall constitute a Board for the transaction of business, of whom the President or Vice-President shall be one, except in case of sickness or absence, in which case the Directors present may choose out of their number a Chairman for such Meeting.

XII. No bill or note for any sum whatever shall be issued or put into circulation by the said Bank until fifty thousand pounds of the Capital Stock of the said Bank shall have been actually paid in, and shall be held by and in actual possession of the said Bank, in gold or silver coin current in this Province.

XIII. The chief place or seat of business of the said Bank shall be in the city of Hamilton aforesaid, but it shall and may be lawful for the Directors of the said Bank, to open and establish in Windsor and other cities, towns and places in this Province, branches and agencies or offices of discount and deposit of the said Bank, under such rules and regulations for the good and faithful management of the same, as to the said Directors shall from time to time seem meet, and shall not be repugnant to any law of this Province, to this Act, or to the By-laws of the said Bank.

XIV. At every Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of the said Bank, to be held in the City of Hamilton in the manner hereinbefore provided, the Directors shall submit a full and clear statement of the affairs of the said Bank, containing on the one part, the amount of Capital Stock paid in, the amount of the notes of the Bank in circulation, and net profits made, and the balance due to other banks and institutions, and the cash deposited in the Bank, distinguishing deposits bearing interest from those not bearing interest; and on the other part, the amount of current

coins, the gold and silver bullion in the vaults of the Bank, the balances due to the Bank from other banks and institutions, the value of the real and other property of the Bank, and the amount of debts owing to the Bank, including and particularising the amounts so owing upon bills of exchange, discounted notes, mortgages and other securities; thus exhibiting on the one hand the liabilities of or the debts due by the Bank, and on the other hand the assets and resources thereof; and the said statements shall also exhibit the rate and amount of the then last dividend declared by the Directors, the amount of reserved profits at the time of declaring the said dividend, and the amount of debts to the Bank over-due and not paid, with an estimate of the loss which may probably be incurred from the non-payment of such debts.

XV. The shares of the Capital Stock of the said Bank shall be held and adjudged to be personal estate, and be transmissible accordingly, and shall be assignable and transferable at the Bank according to the Schedule A annexed to this Act; but no assignment or transfer shall be valid or effectual unless it be made and registered in a book or books to be kept by the Directors for that purpose, nor until the person or persons making the same shall previously discharge all debts already due by him, her or them to the Bank, which may exceed in amount the remaining stock, if any, belonging to such person or persons; and no fractional part or parts of a share or other than a whole share shall be assignable or transferable; and when any share or shares of the said Capital Stock shall have been sold under a writ of execution, the Sheriff by whom the writ shall have been executed shall, within thirty days after the sale, leave with the Manager of the said Bank an attested copy of the writ with the certificate of such. Sheriff' endorsed thereon, certifying to whom the sale has been made, and thereupon (but not until after all debts due by the original holder or holders-of the said shares to the Bank shall be discharged as aforesaid), the President or Vice-President or the Manager of the Bank shall execute the transfer of the share or shares so sold, to the purchaser, and such transfer being accepted shall be to ail intents and purposes as valid and effectual in law as if it had been executed by the original holder of such shares; any law or usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

XVI. The said Bank hereby constituted shall not, either directly or indirectly, hold any lands or tenements, (save and except such as by the first section of this Act it is specially authorized to acquire and hold,) or any ships or other vessels, or any share or shares in the Stock of the Corporation, nor in any Bank in this Province; nor shall the said Bank, either directly or indirectly, lend money or make advances upon the security or mortgage of any lands or tenements, or of any ships or other vessels, nor upon the security or pledge of any share or shares of the Capital Stock of the said Bank, nor shall the said Bank, either directly or indirectly raise loans of money, or deal in the buying or selling or bartering of goods, wares and merchandize, or engage or be engaged in any trade except as a dealer in gold and silver bullion, bills of exchange, discounting of promissory notes, and negotiable securities, and in all such trade generally as legitimately appertains to the business of Banking; Provided always, that the said Bank may take and hold mortgages and liens and assignments of mortgages and liens on real and other property, by way of security for debts contracted to or with the Bank in the course of its dealings, and may proceed either at Law or in Equity for the realization of the same.

XVII. The aggregate amount of discounts and advances made by the said Corporation upon commercial paper or securities bearing the name of any Director or the copartnership name or firm of any Director of the said Corporation, shall not at any one time exceed one twentieth of the total amount of discounts or advances made by the Corporation at the same time.

XVIII. The Bank may allow and pay interest not exceeding the legal rate in this Province, upon money deposited, in the Bank; and, in discounting promissory notes, bills, or other negotiable securities or paper, may receive or retain the discount thereon at the time of discounting or negotiating the same; And when notes, bills, or other negotiable securities or paper, are payable within the Province, at a place different from that at which they are discounted, the Bank may also in addition to the discount make a charge not exceeding one half per centum on the amount of every such note, bill or other negotiable security or paper, to defray the *bonâ fide* expenses of agency and exchange attending the collection of every such note, bill, or other negotiable security or paper; And the Bank may charge any note or bill held by the Bank or made payable at the Bank, against the deposit account of the maker of such note or acceptor of such bill, at the maturity thereof; any law, statute or usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

XIX. The bonds, obligations, and bills obligatory and of credit of the said Bank, under its common seal, and signed by the President or Vice-President, which shall be made payable to any person or persons, shall be assignable by endorsement thereon, under the hand or hands of such person or persons, and of his, her or their assignee or assignees, and so as absolutely to transfer and vest the property thereof in the several assignees successively, and to enable such assignee or assignees to bring, on due acceptance, an action or actions thereupon, in his, her or their name or names; and signification of any such assignment by endorsement shall not be necessary, any law or usage to the contrary notwithstanding: and bills and notes of the said Bank, signed by the President or Vice-President, and countersigned by the Manager of the said Bank, promising the payment of money to any person or persons, his, her or their order or to bearer, though not under the seal of the said Bank, shall be binding and obligatory on the same, with the like force and effect and in the same manner as they would be upon any private person or persons, if issued by him, her or them, in his, her or their private or natural capacities, and shall be assignable or negotiable in the like manner as if they were so issued by such private person or persons; Provided always, that nothing in this Act contained shall be held to debar the Directors of the said Bank from authorizing or deputing from time to time any Director other than the President or Vice-President to sign, or any Manager of a branch or office of discount and deposit thereof or other Officer of the Bank to countersign, the bills and notes of the said Bank intended for general circulation, and payable to order or to bearer on demand.

XX. The notes or bills of the said Bank made payable to order or to bearer and intended for general circulation, whether the same shall issue from the chief seat or place of business of the said Bank in the City of Hamilton, or from any of its branches or agencies, shall be payable on demand in specie at the place where they bear date.

XXI. And whereas it may be deemed expedient that the name or names of the person or persons intrusted and authorized by the Bank to sign Bank-notes and Bills on behalf of the Bank, should be

impressed by machinery, in such form as may from time to time be adopted by the Bank, instead of being subscribed in the hand-writing of such person or persons respectively; And whereas doubts might arise respecting the validity of such notes: Be it therefore farther declared and enacted, That all Bank-notes and bills of the Union Bank of Canada, whereon the name or names of any person or persons intrusted or authorized to sign such notes or bills on behalf of the Bank, shall or may become impressed by machinery provided for that purpose by or with the authority of the Bank, shall be and be taken to be good and valid, to all intents and purposes, as if such notes and bills had been subscribed in the proper hand-writing of the person or persons intrusted and authorized by the Bank to sign the same respectively, and shall be deemed and taken to be bank-notes or bills within the meaning of all laws and statutes whatever; and shall and may be described as bank-notes or bills in all indictments and other criminal proceedings whatsoever; any law, statute or usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

XXII. A suspension by the said Corporation either at the chief place or seat of business, or at any of their branches or offices of discount and deposit at other places in this Province, of payment on demand, in specie, of the notes or bills of the said Corporation, payable on demand, shall, if the time of suspension extend to sixty days consecutively or at intervals, within any twelve consecutive months, operate as and be a forfeiture of this Act of Incorporation, and all and every the privileges hereby granted.

XXIII. The total amount of the notes or bills of the said Corporation, being for a less sum than one pound, current money of Canada, each, which shall be or may have been issued and put in circulation, shall not exceed at any one time one fifth of the amount of the capital stock of the Corporation then paid in; Provided always, that no notes under the nominal value of five shillings shall at any time be issued or put into circulation by the Corporation; nor shall any further limitation by the Legislature of the total amount of notes to be issued or re-issued by the said Corporation be held to be any infringement upon the privileges hereby granted; Provided that the several provisions of an Act passed in the sixteenth year of Her Majesty's reign, intituled, *An Act to encourage the issue by the Chartered Banks of this Province, of notes secured in the manner provided by the General Banking Law*, shall be and are hereby declared to be applicable to the Bank to be established under this Act.

XXIV. The total amount of the debts which the said Corporation shall at any time owe, whether by bond, bill, note or otherwise, shall not exceed three times the aggregate amount of the capital stock paid in, and the deposits made in the Bank, in specie and Government securities for money; and at no one period after the passing of this Act shall the notes or bills payable on demand and to bearer, exceed the amount of the actual paid up capital stock of the Corporation, and the amount of Provincial or Municipal Loan Fund Debentures held by the Corporation; and in case of excess, the said Corporation shall forfeit this Act of Incorporation and all the privileges hereby granted; and the Directors under whose administration the excess shall happen, shall be liable jointly and severally for the same, in their private capacities, as well to the shareholders as to the holders of the bonds, bills and notes of the Corporation; and an action or actions in this behalf may be brought against them, or any of them, and the heirs, executors, administrators or curators of them, or any of them, and be prosecuted to judgment and execution according to law, but such

action or actions shall not exempt the Corporation or their lands, tenements, goods or chattels, from being also liable for such excess; Provided always, that if any Director present at the time of contracting any such excess of debt, do forthwith, or if any Director absent at the time of contracting any such excess of debt, do within twenty-four hours after he shall have obtained a knowledge thereof, enter on the minutes or register of proceedings of the Corporation, his protest against the same, and do within eight days thereafter publish such protest in at least one newspaper published in the City of Hamilton, such Director may thereby, and not otherwise, exonerate and discharge himself, his heirs, executors and administrators or curators from the liability aforesaid, any thing herein contained, or any law to the contrary notwithstanding: And provided always, that such publication shall not exonerate any Director from his liability as a shareholder.

XXV. In the event of the property and assets of the said Bank hereby constituted, becoming insufficient to liquidate its liabilities and engagements or debts, the shareholders of the said Bank in their private or natural capacities, shall be liable and responsible for the deficiency, but to no greater extent than to double the amount of their capital stock, that is to say, the liability and responsibility of each shareholder shall be limited to the amount of his or her share or shares of the said capital stock, and a sum of money equal in amount thereto; Provided always, that nothing in this section contained shall be construed to alter or diminish the additional liabilities of the Directors of the Corporation hereinbefore mentioned and declared.

XXVI. Besides the detailed statement of the affairs of the said Bank hereinbefore required to be laid before the shareholders thereof at their annual general meetings, the Directors shall make up and publish on the first day of each month in every year, statements of the assets and liabilities of the said Bank, in the form of the Schedule B hereunto annexed, shewing under the head specified in the said form, the average of the amount of the notes of the Bank and other liabilities during the month then last past to which the statement shall refer, and the average amount of specie and other assets that at the same time were available to meet the same; and it shall also be the duty of the Directors to submit to the Governor a copy of each such monthly statement; and if by him required to verify all or any part of the said statements, the said Directors shall verify the same by the production of the weekly or monthly balance sheets from which the said statements shall have been compiled; And furthermore, the said Directors shall from time to time, if required, furnish to the said Governor such further information as such Governor may reasonably see fit to call for; Provided always, that the Directors shall not, nor shall any thing herein contained be construed to authorize them, or any of them, to make known the private account or accounts of any person or persons whatsoever, having dealings with the said Bank.

XXVII. The provisions of this Act, so far as the same relate to the said Bank, shall no wise be forfeited for non-user at any time before the first day of June, in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty.

XXVIII. It shall not be lawful for the Corporation hereby constituted, at any time whatever, directly or indirectly, to advance or lend to, or for the use of or on account of any Foreign Prince, Power or State, any sum or sums of money or any securities for money; and if such unlawful advance or



loan be made, then and from thenceforth the said Corporation shall be dissolved, and all the powers, authorities, rights, privileges and advantages hereby granted shall cease and determine; any thing in this Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

XXIX. The several public notices by this Act required to be given, shall be given by advertisement in one or more of the newspapers published in the City of Hamilton, and such other places as the Directors may from time to time appoint, and in the *Canada Gazette*, or such other Gazette as shall be generally known and accredited as the Official Gazette for the publication of official documents and notices emanating from the Civil Government of this Province.

XXX. Books of subscription may be opened in the United States and in the United Kingdom and in France, and shares in the capital stock of the Bank may be issued and made transferable, and the dividends accruing may also be made payable in the said countries, in like manner as such shares and dividends are respectively made transferable and payable at the Bank in the City of Hamilton; and to that end, the Directors may from time to time make such rules and regulations, and prescribe such forms and appoint such agent or agents, as they may deem proper.

XXXI. If the interest in any share in the said Bank become transmitted in consequence of the death or bankruptcy or insolvency of any Shareholder, or in consequence of the marriage of a female shareholder, or by any other lawful means than by a transfer according to the provisions of this Act, the Directors may require such transmission to be authenticated by a declaration in writing as hereinafter mentioned, or in such other manner as the Directors of the Bank shall require, and every such declaration or other instrument so signed, made and acknowledged, shall be left at the Bank, with the Manager or other officer or agent of the Bank, who shall thereupon enter the name of the party entitled under such transmission in the register of shareholders, and until such transmission shall have been so authenticated, no party or person claiming by virtue of any such transmission shall be entitled to receive any share of the profits of the Bank, nor to vote in respect of any such share or shares as the holder thereof; Provided always, that every such declaration and instrument as by this and the following section of this Act is required to perfect the transmission of a share of the Bank, and as shall be made in any other country than this or some other of the British Colonies in North America, or in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, shall be further authenticated by the British Consul or Vice-Consul, or other the accredited representative of the British Government, in the country where the declaration shall be made, or shall be made directly before such British Consul or Vice-Consul, or other accredited representative; And provided also, that nothing in this Act contained shall be held to debar the Directors, Manager or other officer or agent of the Bank from requiring corroborative evidence of any fact or facts alleged in any such declaration.

XXXII. If the transmission of any share of the Bank be by virtue of the marriage of a female Shareholder, the declaration shall contain a copy of the register of such marriage or other particulars of the celebration thereof, and shall declare the identity of the wife with the holder of such share; and if the transmission have taken place by virtue of any testamentary instrument or by intestacy, the probate of the will or the letters of administration or of tutorship or curatorship, or an official extract therefrom, shall, together with such declaration, be produced and left with

the Manager or other officer or agent of the Bank, who shall then enter the name of the party entitled under such transmission in the register of shareholders.

XXXIII. Whenever the interest in any share or shares of the Capital Stock of the said Bank shall be transmitted by the death of any Shareholder or otherwise, or whenever the ownership of, or legal right of possession in any such share or shares, shall change by any lawful means other than by transfer according to the provisions of this Act, and the Directors of the said Bank shall entertain reasonable doubts as to the legality of any claim to and upon such share or shares of stock, then and in such case it shall be lawful for the said Bank to make and file, in one of the Superior Courts of Law for Upper Canada, a declaration and petition in writing addressed to the Justices of the Court, setting forth the facts and the number of shares previously belonging to the party in whose name such shares stand in the Books of the Bank, and praying for an order or judgment adjudicating and awarding the said shares to the party or parties legally entitled to the same, and by which order or judgment the Bank shall be guided and held fully harmless and indemnified and released from all and every other claim for the said shares, or arising therefrom; Provided always that notice of such petition shall be given to the party claiming such share or shares, who shall upon the filing of such petition establish his right to the several shares referred to in such petition: and the delays to plead and all other proceedings in such cases shall be the same as those observed in analogous cases before the said Superior Courts; Provided also, that the costs and expenses of procuring such order and adjudication, shall be paid by the party or parties to whom the said shares shall be declared lawfully to belong, and such shares shall not be transferred until such costs and expenses be paid, saving the recourse of such party against any party contesting his right.

XXXIV. The Bank shall not be bound to see to the execution of any trust, whether express, implied or constructive, to which any of the shares in the Bank may be subject, and the receipt of the party in whose name any such share shall stand in the Books of the Bank, or if it stand in the names of more parties than one, the receipt of one of the parties, shall from time to time be a sufficient discharge to the Bank for any dividend or other sum of money payable in respect of such share, notwithstanding any trust to which such share may then be subject, and whether or not the Bank have had notice of such trust, and the Bank shall not be bound to see to the application of the money paid upon such receipt; any law or usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

XXXV. It shall be the duty of the Directors of the said Bank to invest as speedily as the debentures hereinafter mentioned can be procured from the Receiver-General, and to keep invested at all times in the debentures of this Province, payable within the same, or secured upon the Consolidated Municipal Loan Fund, one tenth part of the whole paid up Capital of the said Bank, and to make a return of the numbers and amount of such debentures, verified by the oaths and signatures of the President and Chief Manager of the said Bank, to the Inspector General, in the month of January in each year, under the penalty of the forfeiture of the Charter of the said Bank, in default of such investment and return; Provided always, that the said Directors shall not commence the ordinary business of banking until the sum of twenty thousand pounds shall have been invested in such debentures.

XXXVI. This Act shall be and remain in force until the first day of June, one thousand eight hundred and seventy, and from that time until the end of the then next Session of the Parliament of this Province, and no longer.

XXXVII. This Act shall be deemed a Public Act.

#### Schedule A

Referred to in the foregoing Act.

For value received from \_\_\_\_\_, I (or we,) \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby assign and transfer into the said shares, (on each of which has been paid \_\_\_\_\_ pounds \_\_\_\_\_ shillings, currency, amounting to the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ pounds, \_\_\_\_\_ shillings,) in the Capital Stock of the Union Bank of Canada, subject to the rules and regulations of the said Bank.

Witness my (or our) hand (or hands) at the said Bank, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, in the year one thousand eight hundred and \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature.)

I (or we) do hereby accept the foregoing assignment of shares in the Stock of the Union Bank of Canada, assigned to me (or us) as above mentioned.

At the Bank, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, one thousand eight hundred and \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature.)

#### Schedule B

Referred to in the foregoing Act.

Return of the average amount of liabilities and assets of the Union Bank of Canada, during the period from the first of \_\_\_\_\_ o ne thousand eight hundred and \_\_\_\_\_, to the last day of the said month.

Liabilities.

Promissory Notes in circulation not bearing interest .	£
Bills of Exchange in circulation not bearing interest . .	£
Bill and Notes in circulation bearing interest . . . . .	£
Balances due to other Banks . . . . .	£
Cash deposits, not bearing interest . . . . .	£
Cash deposits, bearing interest . . . . .	£
Total average Liabilities . . . . .	£

Assets.

Coin and Bullion . . . . .	£
Landed or other property of the Bank . . . . .	£
Government Securities . . . . .	£
Promissory Notes or Bills of other Banks . . . . .	£
Balances due from other Banks, . . . . .	£
Notes and Bills discounted, . . . . .	£
Other Debts due to the Bank, not included under the foregoing heads . . . . .	£
Total average Assets . . . . .	£