

shall proceed to call such meetings by giving at least two weeks' notice in some newspaper published in the said County or adjoining County, of the time, places and objects of such meetings, and by posting up printed handbills of the time, places and objects aforesaid in three of the most public places in each of the said Parishes.

10. The meeting for the Parish of Hopewell shall be held at the Court House in the said County; and the meetings for the Parishes of Coverdale, Hillsborough, Harvey, and Alma, respectively, shall be held in each Parish at or near the place now by law appointed as the polling place in the said Parish for the election of Members to serve in the House of Assembly; provided that only one meeting be held in and for each Parish, and that such meetings shall be held simultaneously, and such meetings shall be opened at eight o'clock in the forenoon and be continued until four o'clock in the afternoon of the same day.

11. The Sheriff, or some person to be deputized by him, shall preside at the meeting held at the Court House in and for the Parish of Hopewell; and the said Sheriff shall by deputation or precept appoint a fit person to preside at each of the other Parishes, and each such person shall preside at the meeting for which he may be appointed to preside; such Sheriff, deputy or presiding officer shall respectively appoint a clerk to assist them at such meeting.

12. For the purpose of this Act the said Sheriff is authorized and required to procure certified copies of the Assessment Roll for each of said Parishes last preceding the date of such meeting, and to furnish to each such deputy or presiding officer a certified copy of such Assessment Roll for the Parish for which he may be appointed such deputy or presiding officer.

13. At each such meeting the Sheriff, deputy, or presiding officer and clerk shall be respectively sworn to the faithful discharge of his duties before proceeding to take the votes as hereinafter mentioned; the clerk shall then read this Act to the meeting, and shall, under the direction of the officer presiding, proceed to take the names of the persons wishing to vote at such meeting in a book provided for the purpose, entering opposite each name "yea" or "nay" in the different columns; provided however, that no person shall be allowed to vote at such meeting whose name does not appear in the copy of the Assessment Roll furnished to the officer presiding: If the name of any Joint Stock Company or Corporation, or their President as representing such Corporation, appear on any such Assessment List, the President, or any Director authorized by such Joint Stock Company or Corporation, and no other person, may vote in respect thereof under this Act; and if the name of any co-partnership firm appear on such list, each member of such firm may vote in respect thereof; provided that any such President or Director voting as representing the Corporation, shall also have a right to vote individually if he be a duly qualified ratepayer.

14. At the hour of four o'clock the officer presiding shall declare the meeting closed, and proceed with the clerk to count the votes given at such meeting in the different columns and state the result publicly, and shall enter in the book a certificate of the total 'yeas' and 'nays' respectively voted, which certificate shall be signed by such officer presiding and clerk, and forthwith transmit such book and certificate under seal to the said Sheriff.

15. If the Sheriff finds, upon all such books and certificates having been returned, that a majority of all the votes

so given is in the affirmative, and that the persons voting "yea" represent more than one half the valuation of all the property of the ratepapers, as represented by the assessment list, present and voting at such meeting, he shall transmit a certificate thereof to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, who shall thereupon publish in the Royal Gazette a notice that the foregoing law is and from thenceforth shall be in full force and effect.

16. The facilities and aid contemplated in the foregoing sections shall not be made available or given to any Company, unless the said railway is located to run from some point on the European and North American Railway, in the County of Westmorland, to connect with some place of shipment on Shepody Bay or River, or adjacent navigable waters in one of the Parishes of Hopewell or Harvey, in the said County of Albert.

17. In lieu of borrowing the money as aforesaid, the Sessions may hand over the debentures to be issued under the authority of this Act to the Company, or to any person named by them, and such debentures shall be taken by the said Company or other person at par.

18. An Act made and passed in the thirty fourth year of Her Majesty's Reign, Chapter fifty four, intituled *An Act to further facilitate the construction of the Albert Railway*, be and the same is hereby repealed.

19. Nothing in this Act contained shall in any way interfere with an Act made and passed in the thirty fourth year of the same Reign, Chapter fifty three, intituled *An Act to facilitate the construction of the Albert Railway*.

CAP. XLI.

An Act to incorporate the Dalhousie Branch Railway Company.

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Passed 14th April, 1873.

BE it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council, and Assembly, as follows:—

1. That George Moffat, William Hamilton, William S. Smith, George Haddow, William Montgomery, Joseph Windsor, James Shaw, William Murphy, Simon M'Gregor, Andrew G. Wallace, John Phillips, Joseph C. Barbarie, Edward Gordon, John M'Neish, James S. Morse, Robert Moffat, Archibald Chisholm, their associates, successors and assigns, are hereby made and constituted a body politic and corporate by the name of "The Dalhousie Branch Railway Company," and by that name shall have all the general powers and privileges made incident to a Corporation by Act of Assembly in this Province, and may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, and shall have and enjoy all proper remedies, by law and equity, to secure and protect them in the exercise and use of the rights and privileges, and in the performance of the duties hereinafter enjoined, and to prevent all invasion thereof in exercising and performing the same; and the Corporation, so soon as the sum of ten thousand dollars of the capital stock shall be actually paid, are hereby authorized and empowered to locate, construct and finally complete, alter and keep in repair, a Railroad with