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that they call together and will hold a public meeting of all persons liable to be assessed under the provisions of this Act, at a time and place to be in such notice specified, and which shall not be less than six days from the time of posting up and publishing such notices; and on the day and hour (which shall not be later in the day than twelve o'clock noon), and at the place in such notice named, the said two Justices shall hold such meeting, and shall preside at the same, and not before four o'clock in the afternoon of the same day shall close the said meeting; they shall put the question to each person as he presents himself to vote, and whose name is entered on the said list so furnished by the Assessors as aforesaid, whether this Act shall be adopted or not, and shall truly enter his answer 'yea' or 'nay' opposite his name on the said list: the President or Manager of any Corporation shall be entitled to vote in respect of the property of such Corporation liable to be assessed under this Act: if it shall appear to the said two Justices that the parties who at such meeting have voted 'yea,' represent two thirds of the valuation of the property of the ratepayers present in person or by proxy, of the Parish, liable to be rated and assessed under this Act, to be estimated by the list so furnished by the Assessors of Rates as hereinbefore provided, then the said two Justices shall forthwith certify the same to the Governor in Council, and the Governor in Council shall thereupon announce the same by Proclamation in the Royal Gazette of this Province, whereupon this Act shall be *ipso facto* in full operation, force and effect; but if on counting the votes aforesaid, and referring to the said list, the said Justices shall find that the persons who shall vote at such meeting in favor of the adoption of this Act do not represent two thirds of the property of the ratepayers present in person or by proxy of the Parish aforesaid, the said Justices shall certify the same to the Governor in Council, whereupon this Act and every thing therein contained shall be and become utterly null and void, any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding; and in case of any dispute as to the qualification of any person whose name appears on the said list, the said Justices shall and may decide the same on the oath of the parties, or other evidence, which oath the said Justices or any one of them are hereby authorized to administer; and the decision of the said two Justices thereupon shall be final and conclusive for the purposes of this Act: and any party entitled to vote under this Act may do so by proxy, upon such proxy producing and filing with the said two Justices a written authority signed by the party for whom he votes, such authority to be proved by oath or otherwise to the satisfaction of the said Justices, which oath the said Justices or any one of them is hereby authorized to administer; and executors, administrators or guardians shall be entitled to vote by proxy in respect of the estate in the said Parish they respectively represent, and upon which they have been assessed, provided such proxy be signed by all the executors, administrators or guardians of any such estate, or a majority of them.

CAP. XXXIX.

An Act relating to the New Brunswick Railway Company.

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- 1 When bridge at Woodstock shall be commenced and finished.
- 2 Time when road from opposite Woodstock, to intersect Railway, shall be built.
- 3 Company authorized to go on with main line.

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- 4 When to receive subsidy; proviso.
- 5 Persons giving guarantee to continue bound.
- 6 Company may run trains.
- 7 Subsidy to Company building line on western side of River, to connect.

WHEREAS an agreement bearing date the twenty fourth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy two, was made and entered into between the said New Brunswick Railway Company of the first part, and Her Majesty Queen Victoria, of the second part, under and by virtue of an Act made and passed in the thirty third year of Her present Majesty's Reign, Chapter forty one, intituled, *An Act to aid the construction of certain Railway Lines in this Province*; and whereas it is provided in the said agreement, that the said Company shall construct the lines of railway therein mentioned, including a bridge across the River Saint John at Woodstock, as mentioned in the Acts relating to the said Company; and whereas in the Act thirty fourth Victoria, Chapter thirty nine, intituled *An Act to amend the Act to incorporate the New Brunswick Railway Company*, there is a proviso "that in the event of the said Company electing to build the said line from Woodstock to Edmundston on the east side of the Saint John River, the construction of the said line from Woodstock to Edmundston shall proceed so that the completion of both lines ready for traffic, that is, from Saint Mary's and from Woodstock, including a bridge at Woodstock across the Saint John River, shall be simultaneous at the point of intersection or junction;" and whereas the said Company are prepared and desirous of pushing on the work of construction towards Edmundston as rapidly as possible, and are unable to pass the point of intersection or junction without first building the bridge at Woodstock; and whereas it is highly desirable that they should be empowered forthwith to proceed with their line to Edmundston, completing the connection to the eastern side or bank of the River Saint John opposite Woodstock, and the bridge across the River Saint John at Woodstock, within the times hereinafter respectively mentioned;—

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

1. Notwithstanding any thing contained in the said Act made and passed in the thirty fourth year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act to amend the Act to incorporate the New Brunswick Railway Company*, or any other Act relating to the said Railway Company, if the said Railway Company do and shall, within one year from the first day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy three, commence to collect materials, and place the same on the ground for the construction of the said bridge across the River Saint John at Woodstock, and do and shall, on or before the first day of July thereafter, commence the actual construction of the said bridge, and do and shall, during the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy seven, fully finish and complete the said bridge, fit in every respect for the running thereon of railway trains, then the said Railway Company shall be deemed to have, in all respects, complied with the terms of the said several Acts relating to the said Company, and the subsidy given to them, and the said contract of the twenty fourth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy two, as fully as if this Act had been inserted in and formed part of the said contract.

2. Notwithstanding the provisions aforesaid, the said Company shall be bound forthwith to commence the construction of the railway from the eastern side or bank of the River Saint John opposite Woodstock, and to have the same completed, fully finished and in running order to the point of