

PROSPECTUS OF THE
GENERAL DRAINAGE AND LAND IMPROVEMENT
COMPANY OF UPPER CANADA.

CAPITAL, £100,000, IN 10,000 SHARES OF £10 EACH.

With power to increase the Capital to £250,000.

DEPOSIT, 5s. PER SHARE.

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With power to add to their number.

BANKERS.

The Gore Bank and Branches.

ENGINEER IN CHIEF.

Mr. John H. Charnock—Hydraulic and Agricultural Engineer—
Patentee of the first Drain and Sewerage Pipe Machine established
in Canada—a Member of the R.A. Society of England, and late
Assistant Commissioner under the English Drainage Acts—assisted
by such local Engineers and Provincial Surveyors as from time to
time it may be necessary to engage.

SOLICITORS.

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PROSPECTUS.

This Company is established for the purpose of executing Works
of Drainage, Sewerage, Water Supply, Sewage Application, Irri-
gation, and General Land Improvement, in accordance with the
most approved systems of the day.

The eminent success which has attended the operation of the
English Drainage Companies, not only as a profitable investment
for capital, but as a means of enabling the owners of land to carry
out those more extended and systematic improvements of their
property which were so essential to their interests, must convince
all who are cognizant of the benefits to result from such works,
that equal if not greater advantages may be secured by adopting
similar means in this Province, where in almost every other branch
of industry joint stock capital is already effectively applied.

The great proportion of the population of Canada direct their
attention to the acquirement and cultivation of land, and as most
farms would be benefited by a judicious course of Drainage, and
other works of a permanent character, the instrumentality of the
Company now proposed having all appliances at command for
speedily and effectually putting lands into a state for profitable
occupation, would assuredly be greatly to the advantage of the
owners of property, and at the same time to afford a fair remun-
eration for the capital embarked.

To illustrate the manner in which the Company will conduct the
business:—The owner of the land makes an application for certain
Drainage to be effected, upon which an inspection of the property
will ensue; upon the application being passed, an estimate of the
entire work, with detailed plans, will be prepared, which, receiving
the approval of the owner, a contract will be entered into, the
Company engaging to do the work, and the owner binding him-
self to grant a mortgage for the payment of the sum agreed upon,
the instalments to be at such dates as may be convenient, in no
case to exceed twenty years. The preliminary expenses is the first
place to be paid by the proprietor.

In undertaking Works of Sewerage, Water Supply, Sewage Ap-
plication, and other sanitary operations with city and town au-
thorities, much the same course would be pursued; and since the
undertakings of this nature, which are now in progress, are all
being done on the principle of gradual extinction of the cost, there
would be a community of action between the Company and corpo-
rations which would afford to the public not only an assurance of
the work being executed in the most effectual manner, but of their
being earlier placed in possession of the benefits to result from it,
for the best interests of the Company would be involved in exe-
cuting all their contracts with as little delay as possible.

With regard to the profit which may be anticipated from the
operations of the Company, it must be borne in mind that its ob-
jects are two fold—to serve the interests of the community by the
introduction and extension of modern approved practices through-
out the Province, and in so doing to realize for its shareholders
such an equitable return for the capital embarked as shall satisfy
their just expectations and give stability to the undertaking in the
minds of all.

In the first place, the Company will be able to command the ser-
vices of an efficient staff of officers, superintendents and workmen;
in the next place, they will be in a position to avail themselves of
all the mechanical appliances of the day for their operations, such
as portable Steam Engines, Drain and Sewer Pipe Machines, Drain
Cutting Tools, &c. &c., to say nothing of having all their opera-
tions conducted in strict unison, with a well-considered and organ-
ized system.

That the Company may the more effectually carry out their de-
sign, and occupy a position befitting the high destiny which the
right execution of their great task of national amelioration will
accord them, it is intended to apply to the Legislature for a special
Act of Incorporation, with suitable powers and provisions. Among
these may be mentioned, not only the power to execute all ordi-
nary works for the improvement of land, such as draining and road-
making, but also the laying out and erection of suitable houses
and farm homesteads, the irrigation of water meadows, and the
power to improve old, or make new out-falls and water-courses;
also the power to execute all works for the sanitary improvement
of cities, towns and villages, such as Sewerage, Water Supply,
Sewage Application, &c.

It is also intended to obtain powers to hold, improve and re-sell
land, and to establish tileries and other works that may be need-
ed for the improvement thereof; and further, the power to issue
debentures bearing interest, and payable at such periods respec-
tively as may correspond with the periods over which their mort-
gage charges for executed works may extend.

Looking at the present prosperous condition of the Province,
and the encouraging prospect of remunerative prices which the
events of the day hold out, it may be safely affirmed that at no
former period of its history was there so opportune a moment for
the formation of such a Company as that now about to be estab-
lished. The facilities of railroad communication, already par-
tially secured, will their further development afford to the Com-
pany a ready and expeditious opening for their operations, which
must in their turn bring increased traffic to the railways of the
Province.

The Company have also had the opportunity of securing the ser-
vices of an Engineer whose great experience in such works, and
intimate acquaintance with all the approved systems of the day
as practiced in England, warrant them in believing that their works
will be conducted in a way to insure general satisfaction. The
Company have also by this appointment secured the advantage of
using his patented machines for molding all descriptions of Drain-
age and Sewerage Pipes throughout the Province on reasonable
terms, and which will at once place the Company in a position to
commence profitable operations.

The calls upon the shareholders will be made with due regard to
general convenience, and in such instalments as the progressive
applications for the services of the Company may warrant; no call
to exceed ten shillings per share, and none to be made with a
shorter notice for payment than two months.

January 1, 1855.—if

CATALOGUE OF RARE AND VALUABLE SEEDS.
RAISED AND PUT UP BY I. W. BRIGGS, MACEDON, WAYNE
COUNTY, N. Y.

Orange Watermelon, from China, per paper,	25 cents.
Ice Cream, or White Sugar do., of Alabama,	25
Citron Nutmeg Muskmelon,	12½
The Celebrated Japan Pea,	12½
California Muskmelon,	12½
Watermelons—Mount on Sprout, Mountain Sweet, Mexi- can and Sandwich Island, 2 varieties each,	63
Squashes—Winter—Sweet Potato, Vegetable Marrow and Pole; Summer—Apple, Cucumber and Scallop,	66
Mammoth Red and Grape Planters, each,	66
White Vegetable Egg—looks like an egg,	66
Double Sunflower—the "Flora King,"	66
Victoria Rhubarb—the best pie plant,	66
Flat Dutch Cabbage—the best winter,	66
Pop Corn (3 variety), Adam's Early (a field corn), very early Sweet Corn, and late, large do., each,	66
Poland Oats, per bushel of 40 pounds,	\$1.00
Mexican Wild Potatoes, per bushel,	1.00