

An Act to incorporate certain persons under the name of  
the *Richelieu Company*.

WHEREAS Pierre Edward Leclere, Louis Marchand, N. B. Desmar- Preamble.  
teau, Euphrem Hudon, Victor Hudon, Joseph Levi, Jacques Felix  
Sincennes, Joseph Boulanget, and William MacNaughton, have by their  
humble petition represented that an association was formed in the City of  
5 Montreal, in the year 1848, under the name and style of the *Richelieu*  
*Company*, in and to which, with other persons, they had become share-  
holders and subscribers, with the view of promoting the public interest, by  
providing the advantages of steam navigation for the inhabitants of the  
Districts of Montreal, Three Rivers, and Quebec, and of the intermediate  
10 ports, and to enable them to derive that benefit which the construction of  
the wharves and landing places already or hereafter to be constructed by  
them, along the route taken by their steamboats, offers to the inhabitants  
of this Province for the convenience of commerce and travellers generally,  
between Montreal, Three Rivers, Quebec, and the intermediate ports ;  
15 that the capital of the said Company is limited to the sum of seventy-five  
thousand pounds currency, divided into three thousand shares of twenty-  
five pounds said currency each ; and whereas the said Company has al-  
ready constructed three steamboats, to wit, the "Jacques Cartier," the  
"Victoria," and the "Napoleon," for the purposes aforesaid, and whereas  
20 a great many debts are now due to them by divers persons, who have en-  
tered into contracts with the said Company, and serious inconveni-  
ence is experienced in the proceedings taken for the recovery of the said  
debts, and whereas several individual members of the said Company are  
liable to have legal proceedings commenced against them, as being in-  
25 terested in the proceedings of the said Company, and other difficulties and  
embarrassments have impeded and restricted the operation of the said  
Company, and whereas the object of the said Company is to facilitate and  
promote the inland navigation of the Province, and to enable them to  
escape from the inconveniences above referred to, the said Company have  
30 prayed to be incorporated : Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as fol-  
lows :

I. Pierre Edouard Leclere, Louis Marchand, N. B. Desmarteau, Euphrem Hudon, Victor Hudon, Joseph Levi, Jacques Felix Sincennes, Joseph Boulanget, William MacNaughton, and all other persons who may  
35 now or hereafter become subscribers or stockholders in the said Company,  
and all or any other person or persons, bodies politic and corporate, who  
as executors, administrators, successors or assigns, or by any other lawful  
title, may hold any part, share, or interest in the Capital Stock of the said  
Company, and their executors, administrators, successors and assigns shall  
40 be, and they are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, under the

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