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## BILL.

## An Act to incorporate the St. Claur and Erie Ship Canal Company.

WHEREAS a petition has been presented praying that it Preamble. be enacted as hereinafter set forth, and it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition: Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate 5 and House of Commons of Canada, declares and enacts as follows :---

1. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,— (a.) The word " canal " means " canal or navigation, and any branch canal," and includes every kind of work necessary 10 or done in respect of the canals for the purpose of carrying out the objects of this Act :

(b.) The word "land," wherever used in The Railway Act or "Land." in this Act, includes land covered by water :

(c.) The word "vessel" includes any ship, barge, boat or "Vessel." 15 raft passing through any of the canals hereby authorized, or plying upon any lake or river connecting therewith :

(d.) The word "goods" includes any goods, merchandise "Goods." and commodities of whatsoever description, passing through any of the canals hereby authorized.

2. D. Farand Henry, of the city of Detroit, in the state of Incorpora- $\mathbf{20}$ Michigan; Hervey A. Olney, of Saltash, Cornwall, England; Horatio C. Boultbee, of the city of Toronto; Hon. David Tisdale, of the town of Simcoe, in the province of Ontario, and C. A. Youmans, of the town of Neillsville, in the state of Wisconsin,

25 together with such persons as become shareholders in the company, are hereby incorporated, under the name of "The Corporate St. Clair and Erie Ship Canal Company," hereinafter called " the Company."

3. The undertaking of the Company is hereby declared to be Declaratory. 30 a work for the general advantage of Canada.

4. The persons named in section 2 of this Act are hereby Provisional directors. constituted provisional director of the Company.

5. The capital stock of the Company shall be two million Capital stock. dollars, divided into shares of one hundred dollars each, and 35 may be called up by the directors from time to time as they deem necessary.

6. The head office of the Company shall be at the city of Head office. Toronto, in the province of Ontario, or at such other place in Canada as the Company from time to time determines by by-40 law.

Interpretation. "Canal."