

An Act to incorporate the Ontario and Erie Ship Canal Company.

WHEREAS the Municipalities of the Town and Township of Niagara, the respective Boards of Trade of the Cities of Chicago, Oswego, Toledo, the Chamber of Commerce of the City of Milwaukee, and others interested in obtaining greater inland navigation facilities than at present exist, have petitioned for the incorporation of a Company to construct a ship canal in accordance with this Act; Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows.

1. Hon. Walter Dickson, Henry Paffard, S. S. J. Brown, William Kirby, Angus Smith, John Brown, J. M. Richards, F. J. King, J. S. McMurray, S. H. McRae, Robert F. Sage, Donald Robertson, Cheney Ames, A. G. P. Dodge, D. B. Chambers, Hon. J. B. Robinson, Alexander Kirkland, Duncan Milloy, Edward O'Neill, S. H. Follett, Angus Morrison or either of them, together with all such persons, 15 (subjects of Her Majesty, or others) as shall become stockholders of the Company hereinafter mentioned, shall be and are hereby ordained, constituted and declared to be a body corporate and politic in fact and by the name of the "Ontario and Erie Ship Canal Company," and by that name they and their successors shall and may have continued succession; and by such name shall be capable of contracting and being 20 contracted with, of suing and being sued, pleading and being impleaded, answering and being answered unto, in all courts and places whatsoever, in all manner of actions, suits, complaints, matters and causes whatsoever; and they and their successors may and shall have a common seal, 25 and may change and alter the same at their will and pleasure; and also, they and their successors by the same name of the Ontario and Erie Ship Canal Company, shall be in law capable of purchasing and holding to them and their successors, any estate, real, personal or mixed, to and for the use of the said Company, and of letting, selling, conveying or otherwise departing therewith for the benefit and on the account 30 of the said Company, from time to time as they shall deem expedient or necessary.

2. The directors of the said Company shall have full power and authority to survey and explore the country lying between the waters 35 of the Niagara river and Lake Erie, and to designate and establish, and for the said Company to take, appropriate, have and hold to and for the use of them and their successors the line and boundaries of a ship canal to commence at some point on the waters of the Niagara river, at or near Fort George in the town of Niagara, and thence to the waters 40 of the Welland Canal at or near the village of Thorold and from thence to the upper Niagara river at or near the village of Chippawa; and to build and erect the same with the necessary locks, dams, tow-paths, branches, feeders, basins and tramways, and also, to select such sites for such warehouses and other erections as may be considered expedient 45 by the said directors, and to purchase and dispose of the same to and for the use and profit of the said Company; Provided that nothing