

say, to open a channel of water communication from some point on the river Saint Clair to the waters of Lake Erie, at or near the Two Creeks in the Township of Romney, in the County of Kent aforesaid, so as to be navigable for vessels drawing twelve feet of water; otherwise this Act and every thing herein contained shall be null and void to all intents and purposes.

Or charter forfeited.

XIV. Every vessel of whatsoever kind using the said Canal shall have her draft of water legibly marked in figures not less than six inches long, from one foot to her greatest draft upon the stem and stern posts; and any wilful misstatement of such figures so as to mislead the officers of the Canal as to any vessel's true draft, shall be punishable as a misdemeanor on the part of the owner and master of such a vessel, and the said Directors may detain any such a vessel upon which any incorrect figures of draft shall be found until the same are corrected at the expense of her owner.

Draft of water to be marked on vessels using the canal.

XV. And for preventing disputes touching the tonnage of vessels navigating the said Canal, every owner or master of every boat, barge, raft, or vessel navigating the said Canal or other part of the said navigation, shall permit the same to be gauged and measured, and, for refusing to permit the same, shall forfeit and pay the sum of *five pounds*, and it shall be lawful for the person appointed for that purpose by the said Directors to gauge and measure all vessels using the said navigation, and his decision shall be final, in respect to the tolls to be paid thereon, and he may mark the tonnage or measurement on every vessel habitually using the said Canal, and such measure, so marked by him, shall always be evidence respecting the tonnage in all questions respecting the tolls or dues to be paid to the said Company by virtue hereof.

Company may measure and gauge such vessels. And mark them.

XVI. It shall be lawful for the said Company, with the permission of the Governor in Council, to take and appropriate for the use of the said Canal so much of the wild land of the Crown not heretofore granted or sold, lying on the south of the said Canal, as may be necessary for the said Canal, and also so much of the land covered with the waters of any river, stream, or lake, or of their respective beds as may be found necessary for the making and completing or more conveniently using the same, and thereon to erect or build locks, dams, tow-paths, branches, feeders, basins, tramways, bridges, wharves, and other works which the said Company shall at any time consider necessary; Provided always, that it shall not be lawful for the said Company to cause any obstruction in or to impede the free navigation of any river or stream to or across which their Canal shall be carried, and the said Company may hold all such lands, hereditaments and tenements, as may at any time be granted to them by the Crown for the said works.

Company may take certain lands of the Crown, beds of rivers, &c.

Proviso: navigation not to be impeded.

XVII. The capital stock of the said Company shall be four millions dollars, or the equivalent in sterling (exclusive of any real estate which the said Company may have or hold by virtue of this Act), to be held in forty thousand shares of one hundred dollars each; and the shares of the said capital stock shall, after the first instalment thereon shall have been paid, be transferable by the respective persons subscribing or holding the same to any other person or persons; and such transfer shall be registered in a book or books to be kept by the said Company for that purpose; and the said capital stock shall be

Capital to be \$4,000,000, exclusive of real estate. Shares, and how raised.