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BILL.

[No. 166.

An Act to incorporate certain persons under the style and title of the "Fort Erie Canal Company."

WHEREAS Richard Hull Thornhill, William Rainsford, Senior, John Preamble.

Cronyn, M.D, James Stanton, Alexander Douglas, Thomas Newbigging, George Hardison, Richard Graham, James L. Haggart, John Riselay, Thomas Shortis, John B. Eaton, Samuel Cowthard, and others, of the Township of Bertie, &c., in the County of Welland, have by their Petition represented that great inconvenience has been experienced by the inhabitants of that section of the Province of Canada, from its earliest settlement up to the present time, and more especially by those engaged in agricultural and commercial pursuits, by the natural impediment opposed to a free water communication between Lake Erie and the Niagara River, caused by the rapids called or known as the Fort Erie Rapids, which render transport by that route by the Lake not only dangerous but laborious and expensive: And whereas the said Petitioners have prayed that they, together with such other persons as shall become Stockholders, as hereinafter mentioned, may be incorporated for the purpose of forming a Canal for ship navigation, in order to remedy the said inconvenience: And whereas the promotion of such a work will greatly tend as well to the prosperity of the Province as to develop the resources of that part of the Country: Be it therefore enacted, &c., as follows:

20 I. The said Richard Hull Thornhill, Wm. Rainsford, Sen., John Cronyn, M.D., James Stanton, Alexander Douglas, Thomas Newbigging, George Hardison, Richard Graham, James L. Haggart, John Riselay, Thomas Shortis, John B. Eaton, and Samuel Cowthard, or such of them, together with such other persons as shall become Stockholders of the Company as 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 "Fort Erie Canal Company," and by that name they and their successors shall have continued succession, and be capable of contracting and being contracted with, 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 shall have a common seal and may change and alter the same at their will and pleasure, and also they and their successors, by the same name of the "Fort Erie Canal Company" shall be capable in law of purchasing, having and holding any estate, real, personal or mixed, to and for the use of the said Company, conveying or otherwise departing with the same, for the benefit and on account of the said Company, from time to time as they shall deem necessary or expedient: Provided always, that nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to allow the said Company to carry on the trade or business of bankers

Certain persons incorporated.

Corporate name and powers.

Proviso.