

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:

10 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
15 O'Neill, S. H. Follett, Angus Morrison, Thomas Walton, Daniel C. Gunn, or either of them, together with all such persons (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,
20 and by the name of the "Ontario and Erie Ship Canal Company," and by that name they and his successors shall and may have continued succession; and by such name shall be capable of contracting and being contracted with, of suing and being sued, pleading and being impleaded, answering and being answered
25 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, 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
30 Company, shall be in law capable of purchasing and holding to them and their successors, any real estate, 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 of the said Company, from time to time as they shall deem expedient
35 or necessary.

Certain powers incorporated.

Corporate powers.

2. The Directors of the said Company shall have full power and authority to survey and explore the country lying between the waters of the Niagara River and Lake Erie, and to designate and establish, and for the said Company to take, appropriate, have and
40 hold, to and for the use of them and their successors, the line and boundaries of a Ship Canal, to commence on the Niagara River, at or near Fort George in the town of Niagara, and thence to a point at or near the village of Thorold, and from thence to the waters of Lake Erie, at or near Port Colborne, or to the waters of the Upper
45 Niagara River, at or near the village of Chippewa; and to build and erect the same, with the necessary locks, dams, tow-paths, branches, feeders, basins, and tramways, and also, to select such

Power to construct a Ship Canal.