

An Act to incorporate the North Western Steam Navigation Company of Canada.

WHEREAS the trade now carried on between and upon the Great Lakes situate to the westward and north westward of Lake Ontario, is of great and growing importance, and it is advisable that facilities should be afforded for extending the same, and for the direction thereof through this Province to the benefit among others of any present or future railway companies, and carrying trade of this Province by the incorporation of a Company with the powers and authorities and in manner hereinafter contained; And whereas the persons hereinafter mentioned have petitioned the Legislature of this Province praying that they may be incorporated with such other persons as may become associated with them as a company under the name and style of the North Western Steam Navigation Company of Canada, for the purpose of contracting, chartering, owning, and navigating on such Lakes, steamboats, propellers, and other vessels, and therewith carrying on business by carriage of freight and passengers and of forwarding from such lakes, and procuring to be forwarded thereto and therefrom, freight and passengers: And it is proper to grant the prayer of said petitioners as hereinafter provided; Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows:

I. John Hutchison, Angus Morrison, Lewis Moffat, E. F. Whittemore, Thomas Dick, J. Gordon Brown, J. G. Worts, George Wilson and Alfred Bruel, together with such person or persons as shall under the provisions of this Act become proprietors of any share or shares of stock in the Company hereby authorised to be formed, and their several and respective heirs, executors, administrators and assigns being proprietors of any share or shares of the said stock of the said Company are and shall be a Company for the purposes and with the powers and authorities hereinafter expressed, and shall for that purpose be one body politic and corporate, by the style and title of the *North Western Steam Navigation Company of Canada*, and by that name shall sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded in all Courts whether at law or in equity, and shall have perpetual succession with a Common Seal, which may be by them changed or varied at their pleasure.

II. The said Company may and they are hereby authorised and empowered from and after the passing of this Act, to construct, acquire, charter, and maintain, and navigate on Lakes Huron, Michigan, and Superior, or either of them, and the waters, bays, navigable connections and rivers thereof, any steam or other vessels for the purposes of carriage or forwarding on such terms as the said Company may deem advisable for their pecuniary profit or otherwise, of goods, freight, or passengers on and between such lakes, waters, bays, connections and rivers thereof, and any ports thereof now or hereafter to be constructed or opened, situate within