

BILL.

An Act to incorporate *The Lake Superior and Pacific Railroad Company.*

WHEREAS Allan Macdonel, Angus Duncan Macdonell, James McGill Strachan and Joseph D. Ridout, Esquires, of the City of Toronto, have presented a petition to the Legislature of this Province, praying that an Act might be passed to authorise the construction of a Railroad to connect the waters of Lake Superior with the Pacific: And whereas, the construction of such road would not only open out for immigration and population, an extensive and fertile country, at present a wilderness, making available and bringing into market lands at present too remote from civilization, but it would also open out a new channel for the commerce of Europe and Asia, thereby creating new influences and interests throughout the British possessions: Be it therefore enacted, &c.

And it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that Allan Macdonell, Angus Duncan Macdonell, James McGill Strachan and Joseph D. Ridout, Esquires, together with such person or persons as shall under the provisions of the said Act become subscribers to or proprietors of any share or shares in the Railroad hereby authorised to be made, and other works and property hereinafter mentioned, being proprietors of any share or shares, are and shall be, and be united into a Company for carrying on, making, completing and maintaining the said intended Railroad and other works, according to the rules and directions hereinafter expressed, and for that purpose shall be and are hereby ordained, constituted and declared to be a body politic and corporate by the name and style of "*The Lake Superior and Pacific Railroad Company,*" and by that name shall have perpetual succession, and shall have a common seal and other the usual powers and rights of bodies corporate, and by that name shall be capable of contracting and being contracted with, of suing and being sued, pleading and being impleaded, answering and being answered unto in all Courts whatever, in all manner of actions, suits, complaints, matters and concerns whatsoever; and also shall and may have the power 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, conveying and otherwise departing therewith, for the benefit and on account of the said Company, from