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No. 397.

An Act to incorporate a Company in the City of Toronto, to be called "The Metropolitan Gas and Water "Company."

WHEREAS the rapidly increasing population of the City of Toronto, Preamble. and its largely extending business, promoted by the railways now in course of construction and those about to be commenced, with the consequent demand, not only for greater facilities in supplying the citi-5 zens with Gas, but the so supplying it of an improved quality and at cheaper rates, and further the growing demand for a better supply of pure and wholesome Water at moderate rates, renders it desirable that more than one Joint Stock Company should be established for the purpose of furnishing cheap and well rectified Gas, and also cheap, and 10 pure, and wholesome Water, to the inhabitants of Toronto and its vicinity; And whereas a large number of the influential citizens of Toronto have, by their Petition, prayed that certain persons, and such others as may be hereafter associated with them in the undertaking, may be incorporated under the style and title hereinafter mentioned, for the purpose of sup-15 plying the said City of Toronto and vicinity with Gas in greater quantity, of better quality, and at a cheaper rate, as also of Water in greater quantity, of a much purer and more wholesome quality, and at cheaper rates; And whereas the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of said City of Toronto have signified their assent to the establishment of the said 20 new Gas and Water Company, and to their having the powers hereinafter given them with regard to the opening of the streets and other matters connected with the establishment and construction of the works of said Company; And whereas it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said Petitioners; Be it therefore enacted, &c.,

25 That Joseph C. Morrison, Philip M. Vankoughnett, Henry Rowsell, Certain per-George Michie, Samuel Zimmerman, Frederick Chase Capreol, Martin sons incrporated. P. Hayes, Hon. James Hervey Price, and George A. Barber, or such of them and such other persons as shall hereafter become Shareholders in the Company to be hereby established, shall be and are hereby ordained 30 and constituted a body Politic and Corporate, by the name of "The Corporate "Metropolitan Gas and Water Company," and by that name they and name and their successors, Sharehold is in the said Company, shall and may have perpetual succession and a Common Seal, with power to make, break

and change the same at pleasure; and shall and may by the same name 35 have, enjoy and exercise all the powers incident to corporate bodies generally; and shall and may have full power to purchase; take and hold, besides personal property, lands, tenements, and other real property, for the erection, construction, and convenient use of the Gas and Water Works, or either of them, hereinafter mentioned, and for the pur-40 poses and uses generally of the said Company; and such lands, tene-