

## An Act to Incorporate the St. Lawrence Navigation Company.

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS James Gibb Ross, Hugh B. Wilson, John MacLeod, John Cameron, John White, Isaac Buchanan, Arthur Harvey, J. Bell Forsyth, George Burns Symes, J. B. Renaud, W. H. Jeffrey, W. G. Wurtele, James Dean, Joseph K. Boswell, C. F. Smith, John Thompson, James Gillespie, W. H. Anderson, A. Joseph, James Gibb, William White, and John Gilmour, have petitioned the Legislature of this Province, praying that they may be incorporated with such other persons as shall become associated with them as a Company under the designation and style of the "St. Lawrence Navigation Company," for the purpose, among other things, of building, owning and navigating steam and other vessels and trading between the various ports of this Province, and also, with foreign countries, and for such other purposes as may seem expedient to the said Company; and whereas it is desirable and for the interests of the Province to grant the prayer of the Petition as in manner and terms hereinafter provided; therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada enacts as follows:

Company declared a Corporation.

**I.** The said parties whose names are above recited, together with such other persons as shall become Stockholders in the said Company, and their respective heirs, executors and assigns shall be a body corporate and politic by the name of the St. Lawrence Navigation Company, with all the privileges and incidents to such Corporation belonging.

May construct and navigate steam and other vessels, and charter, sell and dispose of the same at pleasure.

**II.** It shall be lawful for the Company to construct, acquire, navigate and maintain steam and other vessels for the carrying and conveying of goods, wares, merchandize and passengers between the inland and sea-ports of the Province, and also, between any such ports and those of other countries, inland or otherwise; and also, to carry on business and trade generally in and by means of such vessels as to the Company shall seem meet and proper; and the said Company shall have power to charter, sell and dispose of any of their vessels, and grant or consent to bottomry bonds on the same, or to mortgage the Stock of the Company when and as they may deem expedient, and to make contracts and agreements with any person or Corporation whatsoever, for the purposes aforesaid, or for any other purposes connected with the business of the Corporation.

May acquire lands, erect warehouses, &amp;c.

**III.** It shall be lawful for the Company to purchase, take, hold and enjoy for their use, such lands, wharves, docks, warehouses, grain elevators and other buildings, or to erect the same, as may be necessary for the carrying on the business of the said Corporation, with power to sell, lease, mortgage or dispose of the same when not required for such purposes, and others to purchase and acquire in their stead.