

tenements, and hereditaments purchased for the purpose and any person or persons, or bodies politic or corporate, may give, grant, bargain, sell, or convey to the said Company of Proprietors, any lands, tenements or hereditaments, for the purposes aforesaid, and the same to re-purchase of the said Company without License of Alienation, or *Lettres d'Amortissement*.

Manner by which additional shares may be acquired.

II. Provided always, and it is hereby enacted, that so soon as the full number of shares in the aforesaid navigation, shall have been subscribed for, it shall and may be lawful for any one of the subscribers to, or proprietors of, the said Canal, to purchase from any other subscriber or proprietor thereof, any number of shares in the said undertaking, without limitation as to such number, any thing in the present Act contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding: Provided also, that nothing herein contained shall entitle such subscriber or proprietor so purchasing, to a greater number of votes than is herein-after provided.

Proviso.

Company of Proprietors may proceed to complete the Canal from St. John to Blairfindie and Laprairie.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall be lawful for the said Company of Proprietors, and they are hereby authorized and empowered from and after the passing of this Act, by themselves, their Deputies, Agents, Officers and Workmen, to make and complete a Canal navigable for boats, barges, vessels and rafts, from, at, or near the town or port of St. John, in the County of Huntingdon, upon the River Sorel or Richelieu, through the Barony of Longueuil, and to terminate at River St. Lawrence, in the Parish of Laprairie, the locks whereof shall not be less than fifteen feet in breadth, and which Canal shall be navigable for vessels drawing four feet water; which said Canal shall commence and terminate at such points within the limits aforesaid, and shall be made and carried in as direct a line as may be found practicable, and as the local situation, circumstances, and the nature of the ground will permit.

Company of Proprietors authorized to apply to the Proprietors of the lands thro' which the Canal is intended to pass, for the purchase of land, and in case of controversy, to apply to Commissioners to estimate the value.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall be lawful for the said Company of Proprietors to apply to the several owners of the estates, lands, and grounds, through which such Canal is intended to be carried, and of the streams of water intended to be used or taken for, or employed in, such Canal, and to agree with such owners, respectively, touching the compensation to be paid to them by the said Company of Proprietors for the purchase thereof, and for their respective damages; and in case