

XXI. The Company shall cause a map or plan and book of reference to be made, by some sworn land Surveyor of Lower Canada, of the lands through which the said canal shall pass, and of the course and direction of said canal, with a general description of the lands, with the names of the owners or occupants thereof, so far as they can be ascertained, which plan and book of reference shall be examined and certified by the person performing the duties formerly assigned to the Surveyor General or his deputy, who shall deposit a copy thereof in the office of the said Prothonotary, and deliver another copy thereof to the Company, to which copies all persons shall have access, free of charge; and the said copies so delivered, or copies thereof or of parts thereof, certified by the Secretary of the Company or by the said Prothonotary, shall be held as sufficiently proved in any Court or proceeding; and, until such plan or map and book of reference shall have been so made and copies thereof delivered as aforesaid, the works of the said canal shall not be proceeded with, but surveys of such lands may be made by or on behalf of the Company, provided no damage be thereby caused, or such damage be paid for or repaired.

Plan and book of reference to be made.

Copies, where to be deposited.

XXII. After any lands or grounds shall be set out and ascertained in manner aforesaid, for making and completing the said canal and other works, and other the purposes and conveniences hereinbefore mentioned, it shall and may be lawful for all bodies politic, corporate or collegiate, corporation aggregate or sole, communities, *grevés de substitution*, *gardiens*, curators, executors, administrators, and all other trustees or persons whatsoever, not only for and on behalf of themselves, their heirs and successors, but also for and on behalf of those whom they represent, whether infants, issue unborn, lunatics, idiots, *femes-covert*, or other persons or parties, who are or shall be seized, possessed of, or interested in, any lands or grounds which shall be so set out and ascertained as aforesaid, or any part thereof, to contract for, sell and convey unto the said Company, all or any part of such lands or grounds, which shall under this Act be set out and ascertained as aforesaid; and all contracts, agreements, sales, conveyances and assurances so to be made, shall be valid and effectual in law to all intents and purposes whatsoever; any law, statute, usage or custom to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding; and all bodies politic or corporate, or collegiate, or communities, and all persons whatsoever, so conveying as aforesaid, are hereby indemnified for what he, she or they, or any of them, shall respectively do by virtue of or in pursuance of this Act: Provided always, that before the map or plan and book of reference shall be deposited as aforesaid, and before the lands required for the said canal and works shall be set out and ascertained, it shall be lawful for any party who might under this Act convey any lands to the said Company, if the same were so then set out and ascertained, to agree with the Company for the price to be paid for such lands if they shall be thereafter so set out and ascertained; and such agreement shall be binding, and the price agreed upon shall be the price to be paid by the Company for the same lands, if they shall be afterwards set out and ascertained, within one year from the date of the agreement, and although such land may in the meantime have become the property of a third party; and possession of the same may be taken, and the agreement and price may be dealt with, as if such price had been fixed by an award of arbitrators as hereinafter mentioned; Provided always, that the Company shall have power to issue paid-up stock in the Company in payment of the price of any real estate or rights to be acquired by the Company under this Act, or for the amount of compensation to

After lands are set out, Company may acquire lands.

Parties may agree as to price of lands before they are set out.

Company may pay no paid-up stock for lands