

PROSPECTUS OF THE  
**GENERAL DRAINAGE AND LAND IMPROVEMENT  
 COMPANY OF UPPER CANADA.**

CAPITAL, £100,000, IN 10,000 SHARES OF £10 EACH.

With power to increase the Capital to £250,000.

DEPOSIT, 5s. PER SHARE.

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BANKERS.

The Gore Bank and Branches.

ENGINEER IN CHIEF.

Mr. John H. Charnock—Hydraulic and Agricultural Engineer—Patentee of the first Drain and Sewerage Pipe Machine established in Canada—a Member of the R.A. Society of England, and late Assistant Commissioner under the English Drainage Acts—assisted by such local Engineers and Provincial Surveyors as from time to time it may be necessary to engage.

SOLICITORS.

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PROSPECTUS.

This Company is established for the purpose of executing Works of Drainage, Sewerage, Water Supply, Sewage Application, Irrigation, and General Land Improvement, in accordance with the most approved systems of the day.

The eminent success which has attended the operation of the English Drainage Companies, not only as a profitable investment for capital, but as a means of enabling the owners of land to carry out those more extended and systematic improvements of their property which were so essential to their interests, must convince all who are cognizant of the benefits to result from such works, that equal if not greater advantages may be secured by adopting similar means in this Province, where in almost every other branch of industry joint stock capital is already effectively applied.

The great proportion of the population of Canada direct their attention to the acquirement and cultivation of land, and as most farms would be benefited by a judicious course of Drainage, and other works of a permanent character, the instrumentality of the Company now proposed having all appliances at command for speedily and effectually putting lands into a state for profitable occupation, would assuredly be greatly to the advantage of the owners of property, and at the same time to afford a fair remuneration for the capital embarked.

To illustrate the manner in which the Company will conduct the business:—The owner of the land makes an application for certain Drainage to be effected, upon which an inspection of the property will ensue; upon the application being passed, an estimate of the entire work, with detailed plans, will be prepared, which, receiving the approval of the owner, a contract will be entered into, the Company engaging to do the work, and the owner binding himself to grant a mortgage for the payment of the sum agreed upon, the instalments to be at such dates as may be convenient, in no case to exceed twenty years. The preliminary expenses in the first place to be paid by the proprietor.

In undertaking Works of Sewerage, Water Supply, Sewage Application, and other sanitary operations with city and town authorities, much the same course would be pursued; and since the undertakings of this nature, which are now in progress, are all being done on the principle of gradual extinction of the cost, there would be a community of action between the Company and corporations which would afford to the public not only an assurance of the work being executed in the most effectual manner, but of their being earlier placed in possession of the benefits to result from it, for the best interests of the Company would be involved in executing all their contracts with as little delay as possible.

With regard to the profit which may be anticipated from the operations of the Company, it must be borne in mind that its objects are two fold—to serve the interests of the community by the introduction and extension of modern approved practices throughout the Province, and in so doing to realize for its shareholders such an equitable return for the capital embarked as shall satisfy their just expectations and give stability to the undertaking in the minds of all.

In the first place, the Company will be able to command the services of an efficient staff of officers, superintendents and workmen; in the next place, they will be in a position to avail themselves of all the mechanical appliances of the day for their operations, such as portable Steam Engines, Drain and Sewer Pipe Machines, Drain Cutting Tools, &c. &c., to say nothing of having all their operations conducted in strict unison, with a well-considered and organized system.

That the Company may the more effectually carry out their design, and occupy a position befitting the high destiny which the right execution of their great task of national amelioration will accord them, it is intended to apply to the Legislature for a special Act of Incorporation, with suitable powers and provisions. Among these may be mentioned, not only the power to execute all ordinary works for the improvement of land, such as draining and road-making, but also the laying out and erection of suitable houses and farm homesteads, the irrigation of water meadows, and the power to improve old, or make new out-falls and water-courses; also the power to execute all works for the sanitary improvement of cities, towns and villages, such as Sewerage, Water Supply, Sewage Application, &c.

It is also intended to obtain powers to hold, improve and re-sell land, and to establish tileries and other works that may be needed for the improvement thereof; and further, the power to issue debentures bearing interest, and payable at such periods respectively as may correspond with the periods over which their mortgage charges for executed works may extend.

Looking at the present prosperous condition of the Province, and the encouraging prospect of remunerative prices which the events of the day hold out, it may be safely affirmed that at no former period of its history was there so opportune a moment for the formation of such a Company as that now about to be established. The facilities of railroad communication, already partially secured, will their further development afford to the Company a ready and expeditious opening for their operations, which must in their turn bring increased traffic to the railways of the Province.

The Company have also had the opportunity of securing the services of an Engineer whose great experience in such works, and intimate acquaintance with all the approved systems of the day as practiced in England, warrant them in believing that their works will be conducted in a way to insure general satisfaction. The Company have also by this appointment secured the advantage of using his patented machines for mulling all descriptions of Drainage and Sewerage Pipes throughout the Province on reasonable terms, and which will at once place the Company in a position to commence profitable operations.

The calls upon the shareholders will be made with due regard to general convenience, and in such instalments as the progressive applications for the services of the Company may warrant; no call to exceed ten shillings per share, and none to be made with a shorter notice for payment than two months.

January 1, 1855.—if

CATALOGUE OF RARE AND VALUABLE SEEDS.

RAISED AND PUT UP BY I. W. BRIGGS, MACEDON, WARREN COUNTY, N. Y.

Orange Watermelon, from China, per paper,.....	25 cents.
Ice Cream, or White Sugar do., of Alabama,.....	25
Citron Nutmeg Muskmelon,.....	12½
The Celebrated Japan Pea,.....	12½
California Muskmelon,.....	12½
Watermelons—Mountain Sprout, Mountain Sweet, Mexican and Sandwich Island, 2 varieties each,.....	06
Squashes—Winter—Sweet Potato, Vegetable Marrow and Polk: Summer—Apple, Crookneck and Scallop,.....	06
Mammoth Red and Grape Tomatoes, each,.....	06
White Vegetable Egg—looks like an egg,.....	06
Double Sunflower—the "Floral King,".....	06
Victoria Rhubarb—the best pie plant,.....	06
Flat Dutch Cabbage—the best winter,.....	06
Pop Corn (3 varieties), Adams' Early (a field corn), very early Sweet Corn, and late, large do., each,.....	06
Potato Out, per bushel of 49 pounds,.....	\$1.00
Mexican Wild Potatoes, per bushel,.....	1.00