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An Act to incorporate a Company for the Construction of a Ship Canal to connect the waters of Lake Champlain and the River St. Lawrence.

WHEREAS the construction of a Ship Canal to connect the River St. Lawrence with Lake Champlain, leaving the St. Lawrence at some point between Lake St. Louis and the Village of Longueuil, and coming out at some point on the River Richelieu or on Lake Champlain, would tend much to advance the general interests of the Province by greatly increasing the business which would be carried on through the St. Lawrence Canals, with Boston, New York, and other Eastern Cities in the United States, and would greatly contribute to promote the trade, and facilitate the communication between the eastern and western sections of the Province, and particularly the transportation of timber and deals from the Ottawa and Quebec Districts; And whereas the several persons hereinafter named are desirous to make and maintain the said Canal: Be it therefore enacted, &c.

Preamble.

And it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That John Young, Harrison Stephens, Benjamin Holmes, Luther H. Holton, Jason C. Pierce, John M. Davidson, William Bristow, William Dow, Robert Jones, Timothy Follett, Charles Seymour, Eli Chittenden, Le Grand Cannon, James Leslie, Alfred H. Pierce, James Rogers, Henry H. Ross, R. W. Sherman, S. S. Keyes, Jacob Crane, H. Hooker, George E. Kinsland, M. J. Meyers, Esquires, together with such other person or persons as shall, under the provisions of this Act, become subscribers to and proprietors of any share or shares in the Canal hereby authorized to be made, and other works and property hereinafter mentioned, and their several and respective heirs, executors, administrators, curators and assigns, being proprietors of such share or shares, are and shall be united into a Company for carrying on, making, completing and maintaining the said Canal and other works, according to the rules, orders and directions hereinafter expressed, and shall for that purpose be one body politic and corporate, by the name of the *St. Lawrence and Champlain Canal Company*, and by that name shall have perpetual succession, and shall have a common seal and other the usual powers and rights of bodies corporate, not inconsistent with the other provisions of this Act, and by that name shall and may sue and be sued, and may purchase and hold lands (which word

Certain persons and their successors incorporated for the purpose of making a canal from the St. Lawrence to Lake Champlain.

Corporate name and powers.