

## An Act to provide for the further improvement of the Harbour of Montreal.

**W**HEREAS the rapidly increasing trade of Western Canada and of the Western States, urgently requires that increased Harbour accommodation and other facilities should be provided at Montreal, through which a very large portion of the said trade with this 5 Province, with the other British Provinces, with the Eastern States, and with Europe, now passes, and through which a much larger portion thereof may be expected to pass, if such accommodation and facilities are provided; Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows: Preamble:

I. The Harbour Commissioners of Montreal are hereby authorized 10 to erect, construct, and maintain, new docks, wharves, basins, with a proper canal for the supply thereof with water, and all other works and erections for the convenient use thereof, according to such plans and on such site and locality within the City or Harbour of Montreal, as may be determined, fixed, and approved of by the Governor in Council; 15 and such plans, when signed and certified by the Provincial Secretary, shall be, to all intents and purposes, of the same effect as if prescribed by this Act and appended to and formally incorporated into the same: Provided nevertheless, that deviations or alterations from or in the said plans may be directed and approved by the Governor in Council, or 20 such additional plans may be directed, made, and approved of as aforesaid, as may be found necessary for better carrying out the works contemplated. Harbour Commissioners to make new docks, &c., on a plan and site approved by the Governor in Council.

II. So soon as a copy of the said plans, certified as aforesaid, shall have been deposited in the office of the said Harbour Commissioners, the 25 said Harbour Commissioners and their successors in office shall have full power and authority, and it shall be their duty, to carry the said plans into effect; And for all and every the purposes of the said improvements and works, shall have power to receive, take, and hold all voluntary grants or donations of land, to purchase from any person, corporation, or 30 community, and to hold any land or other property for the construction, maintenance, or use of the said docks, wharves, basins, canal, and other works necessary for the trade of the Harbour, and to build warehouses, grain elevators or hydraulic cranes,—to lease and rent, for manufacturing purposes, any surplus water,—to agree with any owner of land or real property 35 as to the price and value of such land or property, and as to compensation to such owner or other parties interested for damages sustained by reason of said work,—to take, use, occupy and hold so much of the beach or land covered by the waters of the St. Lawrence, or of the bed of the said River, as may be required for all or any of the said purposes,—to 40 enter into any lands of Her Majesty, or of any corporation or person Powers of the Commissioners for constructing the said works.