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To incorporate certain persons therein named, and their associates for the purpose of opening, making and keeping in repair a Turnpike Road from the village of Laprairie de la Magdeleine, to the Town of Dorchester, in the County of Huntingdon.

WHEREAS the main road between the town of Dorchester, on the river Richelieu, and the village of Laprairie de la Magdeleine, on the river St. Lawrence, in the County of Huntingdon, is the principal thoroughfare and road of communication between the city of Montreal and the Eastern Townships, along the Province Line, and the Country adjacent to Lake Champlain, as well as to the United States; and, whereas, experience hath shewn that the means already by Law provided, are either insufficient for the further improvement and repairs of the said road, or if exacted would, in most cases, prove oppressive, and that the same cannot be effected without permanent pecuniary funds, for the supply whereof nothing can be more equitable and proper than a Toll upon Carriages, Cattle, and Horses, which may pass through that great thoroughfare. And whereas

by their humble petition in this behalf, have prayed that they may be authorized and empowered to open, make and keep up a Turnpike road, with the necessary Bridges, from and near the said town of Dorchester, to the said village of Laprairie de la Magdeleine, on the main road at present existing between the aforesaid places, altering the same only in places where there are considerable bends, or sinuosities, in such manner as may be most direct and convenient, under such charges, clauses and conditions, and with such rates and tolls, profits, emoluments and powers as may be expedient; And whereas the purposes aforesaid cannot be affected without the aid of the Legislature; May is