

choice and appointment shall be made within three months after the passage of this act. Two of said men shall be chosen from the United States Corps of Engineers, two shall be civil engineers of recognized skill, chosen from civil life, and one of said five men shall be chosen from the members of the board of trade of the city of Chicago. All said men shall be citizens and residents of the United States of America.

SEC. 3. That within four months after the President shall have chosen the men to form the board described in section two of this act, the said board shall revise the existing plans, surveys, and estimates for a canal within the county of Niagara, around the Falls of Niagara, and so modify the same, that when the ship-canal shall be made, provided for in this act, the same will be of sufficient width, depth, and capacity to easily, safely, and expeditiously float, along its whole length, vessels of as great length, width, depth, and tonnage as can be floated through the Saint Mary's Falls canal and locks when said Saint Mary's Falls canal and locks shall be completed according to the present project and plans of the United States thereabout. Ten thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any moneys unexpended in the United States Treasury, to pay the expenses of said board and to pay for the services of such of the men on said board as may not be under pay from the United States. The Secretary of War of the United States shall have the power, and it shall be his duty, to fix the compensation of said men on said board and shall pay them from the sum hereinbefore appropriated.

SEC. 4. That when the route of said ship-canal shall have been by said board designated and located the Secretary of War shall have the power, and it shall be his duty, to acquire the title to the lands, water property, and right of way for said canal. The title of said property shall be taken in the name of the United States of America, and may be procured by donation, purchase, or condemnation. If it shall be necessary to procure any of said property to enable said canal to be built by condemnation, the Secretary of War aforesaid is hereby authorized and directed to commence