

## An Act to incorporate the Stratford Board of Trade.

**W**HEREAS John A. Scott, J. S. Rutherford, C. James, P. J. Southwick, Robert Rutherford, Charles H. Ransom, L. Hayward, A. Marshall, John Ross, P. R. Jarvis, John Innes, John Dutton, James Hogg, W. Porteous, A. Williamson, William Workman, John J. Clark, R. J. Hutor, James Morrison, P. Whelihan, James Gordon, G. Horne, J. R. Williamson, Thos. Miller, S. R. Fuller, S. S. Fuller, R. MacFarlane, and James Redford and others hereinafter named, residents in the Town of Stratford, have by their petition to the Legislature represented that they have associated themselves together for some time past for the purpose of promoting such measures as they have deemed important towards developing the general Trade and Commerce of this Dominion and the Town of Stratford in particular, and have further represented that the said Association would be more efficient in its operations should an Act of Incorporation conferring certain powers on them and their successors be granted; And whereas it is expedient that the prayer of the said petition should be granted; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada enacts as follows:—

**1.** The said John A. Scott, J. S. Rutherford, C. James, P. J. Southwick, Robert Rutherford, Charles H. Ransom, L. Hayward, A. Marshall, John Ross, P. R. Jarvis, John Innes, John Dutton, James Hogg, W. Porteous, A. Williamson, William Workman, John J. Clark, R. J. Hutor, James Morrison, P. Whelihan, James Gordon, G. Horne, J. R. Williamson, Thomas Miller, S. R. Fuller, S. S. Fuller, R. MacFarlane and such other persons residents in the Town of Stratford as are or shall be associated with the persons above named, for the purpose of this Act, in the manner hereinafter provided; and their successors, shall be and are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name of "The Stratford Board of Trade," for the purposes mentioned in the preamble, and may, by that name, sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, answer and be answered, defend and be defended in all Courts of Law and Equity and all other places whatsoever, in all manner of actions, suits, complaints, matters and causes whatsoever, and by that name they and their successors shall have perpetual succession, and may have a Common Seal, and the same may make, alter and change at their will and pleasure; and they and their successors by their corporate name shall have power to purchase, take, receive, hold and enjoy any estate whatsoever real or personal, and alienate, sell, convey, lease or otherwise dispose of the same, or any part thereof, from time to time, and as occasion may require, and other estate real or personal to acquire instead thereof; Provided; always that the clear annual value of the real estate held by the said Corporation at one time shall not exceed five thousand dollars; and provided also, that the said Corporation shall not have or exercise any corporate powers whatsoever, except such as are expressly conferred on them by this Act, or may be necessary for carrying the same into effect according to its true intent and meaning.

**2.** The funds and property of the said Corporation shall be used and applied to and for such purposes only as may be calculated to promote

Preamble!

Incorporation and general powers.

Proviso as to property.

Application of funds.