

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONVENTION.

At a Convention held in Saratoga Springs, on Tuesday, the 21st of August, 1849, adjourned from the meeting held at Troy on the 21st ultimo—Maj. Gen. JOHN E. WOOL, in the chair; Hon. A. M. MORIN, speaker of the house of assembly of Canada, and Hon. PETER MCGILL, member of the legislative council of Canada, were chosen Vice Presidents. JOHN OSTELL, Esq. of Montreal, and F. H. JACKSON, Esq. of Westport, Secretaries.

Chancellor WALWORTH, chairman of the general committee appointed at Troy to visit the site of the proposed canal, on behalf of the American portion of that committee—submitted and read the report of their proceedings.

REPORT.

The American part of the committee, to whom was referred the duty of visiting the site of the proposed ship canal to connect the waters of the St. Lawrence and Lake Champlain, and to obtain such information relative thereto as might be practicable, respectfully report:

That they repaired to St. Johns, on the 31st ultimo, accompanied by Mr. Claxton, a scientific engineer, where they met a committee from the citizens of Montreal and St. Johns; one of whom, after organization, gave a verbal abstract of the charter authorizing the construction of such canal. As this charter is somewhat voluminous, and as very few copies have reached the states, the committee have supposed that a condensed and brief statement of its provisions would prove acceptable to this convention; and they have accordingly caused to be prepared the following abstract of the "act to incorporate a company for the construction of a ship canal to connect the waters of Lake Champlain and the river St. Lawrence," which was passed on the 30th of May, 1849.

The first section of the act incorporates certain individuals named therein, together with such others as shall become subscribers and proprietors of the stock of the corporation, by the name of the "St. Lawrence and Champlain Company," for the purpose of making a canal from some point on the river St. Lawrence between any point on Lake St. Francois and Longueuil, and such point on the Richelieu, or on Lake Champlain, as may be found most desirable and convenient for the general interests of trade and of the public; with the right to the company to acquire and hold land, &c. for the use of the canal and other works connected there-