

## The Act to Incorporate the "Victoria Bank of Canada."

**W**HEREAS the persons hereinafter named and others by Preamble.  
 their petition have prayed that they may be incorporated  
 for the purpose of establishing a bank in the City of Montreal,  
 and it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition;  
 5 Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the  
 Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:—

1. Horatio A. Nelson, Alexander Buntin, John C. Watson, Certain per-  
sons incorpo-  
rated.  
 William Clendinning, John Elliott, James Donnelly, William H.  
 Hingston, M.D., John Cassie Hatton, and Thomas A. Evans, and  
 10 such others as shall become shareholders in the corporation hereby  
 created and their respective executors, administrators, and assigns  
 shall be and are hereby constituted and declared to be a corpora-  
 tion, body corporate and politic, in fact, by and under the name  
 of the "Victoria Bank of Canada," and as such shall have per-  
 15 petual succession and a common seal, with power to break, change  
 and alter the same at pleasure, and also with all other powers  
 incident to and necessary for the purposes hereinafter declared. Corporate  
name and  
powers.

2. The capital stock of the said bank shall be one million Capital and  
shares, &c.  
 dollars, with power to increase such capital stock to two million  
 20 dollars, such stock to be divided into shares of one hundred  
 dollars each; which shares shall be and are hereby vested in the  
 several persons who shall subscribe for the same, their heirs, legal  
 representatives and assigns; and the chief office of the bank shall  
 be in the City of Montreal.

3. The said persons above named shall be Provisional Directors Provisional  
Directors and  
their powers.  
 for the purpose of organizing the said Bank, and they or a  
 majority of them may cause stock books to be opened at such  
 times and places as they or a majority of them shall think  
 expedient, and after giving two weeks notice thereof in one or  
 30 more newspapers published in the city of Montreal, upon which  
 stock books shall be recorded the subscriptions of such persons as  
 shall desire to become shareholders in the said bank; and such  
 books shall be kept open at the discretion of the said Provisional  
 Directors, or a majority of them, so long as they shall deem neces-  
 35 sary.

4. Whenever five hundred thousand dollars of the capital stock First general  
meeting of  
shareholders.  
 of the said bank shall have been subscribed, and one hundred  
 thousand dollars thereof shall have been *bona fide* paid into some  
 of the present chartered banks of Canada, it shall be lawful for  
 40 the said Provisional Directors or a majority of them, after giving  
 three weeks' notice in one or more newspapers published in the  
 said city of Montreal, to call a public meeting of the shareholders,  
 to be held at such place in the said city of Montreal, as shall be  
 mentioned in such notice, for the purpose of electing directors and