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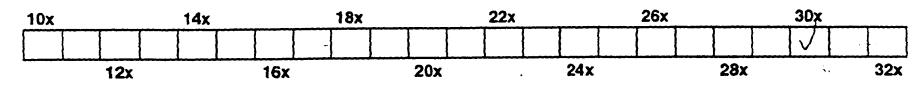
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An Act to incorporate the South Sherbrooke Mining and Smelting Company.

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## An Act to incorporate the South Sherbrooke Mining and Smelting Company.

WHEREAS, the persons hereinafter named have by petition repre- Preamble. sented, that they desire to engage in the business of exploring, mining, manufacturing, and disposing of iron and other ores, in the County of Lanark, in the Province of Canada, and that they can 5 do so to better advantage by the aid of a Charter of Incorporation, and have prayed for the passing of an Act to that end; and whereas it is expedient that such prayer be granted : Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows :--

I. Alexander Morris, Robert Bell, William John Morris, Matthew C. Incorporation Cameron, and Brown Chamberlin, Esquires, together with all such 10 other persons as shall become shareholders in the company hereby con- Corporate stituted, shall be, and they are hereby made a body corporate and name. politic, by the name of "The South Sherbrooke Mining and Smelting **15 Company."** 

2. The company may carry on the business of exploring for, mining, Business of smelting, manufacturing, and selling iron and other ores and metals, the Company and for these purposes only may acquire and hold, by purchase, lease, or other legal title, such lands and mining rights in the county afore-

- 20 said, not exceeding two thousand acres in superfices, and construct and maintain such buildings and machinery and other improvements thereon, and sell and dispose of the same, and acquire others in their stead, as Real prothe Company may deem to be for its advantage; and may acquire any perty. royalty or per centage payable for the privilege of mining, smelting or
- 25 manufacturing iron or other eres and metals; Provided, however, that the acquisition of any such royalty or per centage shall not entitle the Company to carry on any mining, smelting, or manufacturing operations beyond the limits of the said County.

3. The capital stock of the Company shall be the sum of five hun-CapitalStock 30 dred thousand dollars, divided into one hundred thousand shares of five Shares. dollars each, and may be from time to time increased, as the wants of the Increase. Company require, by vote of the stockholders at a meeting of the Company called for the purpose, to an amount not exceeding one million dollars on the whole.

- 4. The capital stock shall be paid by the subscribers therefor, when, Calls on 35 where, and as the Directors of the Company shall require, or as the by- stock. laws may provide, and if not paid at the day required, interest at the rate of six per centum per annum shall be payable after the said day upon the amount due and unpaid; and in case any instalment or instalments shall Forfitture of
- 40 not be paid as required by the Directors, with the interest thereon, after stock for nonsuch demand or notice as the by-laws prescribe, and within the time payment. limited by such notice, the Directors may, by vote, reciting the facts and duly recorded in their records, summarily forfeit any shares whereon . such payment is not made, and the same shall thereupon become the
- 45 property of the company, and may be disposed of as the by-laws or votes of the company may provide.

Stocks to be personalty; how assignable.

5. The stock of the company shall be deemed personal estate, and be assignable in such manner only, and subject to such conditions and restrictions, as the by-laws prescribe, but no share shall be assignable until all instalments called for thereon have been paid, unless it has been declared forfeited for non-payment.

6. At all meetings of the company every shareholder, not being in

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arrear in respect of any instalment called for, shall be entitled to as many votes as he holds shares in the stock of the company; and no shareholder being in arrear shall be entitled to vote; and all votes may be given in person or by proxy: Provided always, the proxy is held by a 10 shareholder not in arrear, and is in conformity with the by-laws. 7. The affairs of the company shall be administered by a Board of not less than five and not more than seven Directors, being severally holders of at least one hundred shares of stock, who shall be elected at the first general meeting, and thereafter at each annual meeting of the 15 company, to hold office until their successors are elected, and who, (if otherwise qualified,) may always be re-elected; and such Directors may vote by proxy, and four members of such Board, present in person or by proxy, until otherwise provided by the by-laws, shall be a quorum thereof: and in case of the death, resignation, removal, or disqualifica- 20

tion of any director, such Board, if they see fit, may fill the vacancy until the next annual meeting of the company, by appointing any qualified shareholder thereto; but a failure to cleet directors, or any failure of directors, shall not dissolve the corporation, and an election may be had at any general meeting of the company called for the purpose. 25

8. The Board of Directors shall have full power in all things to administer the affairs of the company, and make or cause to be made any purchase and any description of contract which the company may by law make; to adopt a common seal; to make from time to time any and all by laws. (not contrary to law or to the votes of the company,) regu- 30 lating the calling in of instalments on stock, and payment thereof, the issue and registration of certificates of stock; the forfeiture of stock for non-payment; the disposal of forfeited stock and the proceeds thereof; the transfer of stock; the declaration and payment of dividends; the appointment, functions, dutics, and removal of all agents, officers, and ser- 35 vants of the company; the sccurity to be given by them to the company; their remuneration, and that (if any) of the Directors; the time and place for holding the annual and other meetings of the company; the calling of meetings of the company and of the Board of Directors, the quorum, the requirements as to proxies, the procedure in all things at such meet- 40ings, the site of their chief place of business and of any other offices which they may require to have, the imposition and recovery of all penalties and forfeitures admitting of regulation by by-law, and the conduct in all other particulars of the affairs of the company; but every such by-law, and every repeal, amendment, and re-enactment thereof, shall have force only 45 until the next annual meeting of the company, unless confirmed at some general meeting of the company; and every copy of any by-law, under the seal of the company and purporting to be signed by any officer of the company, shall be received in all courts of law as prima facie evidence of such by-law. 50-

Provisional Directors.

9. Until the first election of such Board, the said Alexander Morris, Robert Bell, Brown Chamberlin, William J. Morris, and William B. Lambe shall be a Provisional Board of Directors of the company, with Their powers. power to fill vacancies, to open stock books, assign stock, make calls for and collect instalments, issue certificates and receipts, convene the first 55-

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general meeting of the company, at such time and place within this Province as they shall determine; and to do other acts necessary or proper to be done to organize the company and conduct its affairs: Proviso. Provided always, that notice of all meetings of the company shall be

5 given in some newspaper printed in the county of Lanark, and also in the *Canada Gazette*, at least fifteen days before the holding of such meeting.

10. In addition to their ordinary place of business within this Pro-Places of business in vince, the company may establish and have any place or places of busi-business in the Province
10 ness in Great Britain, or in the United States of America, and may, or elsewhere. at any one thereof, order, direct, do, and transact their affairs and business, or any thereof, in such manner as may be prescribed by their

11. The company shall not be bound to see to the execution of any Company not bound to see 15 trust, whether express; implied, or constructive, in respect of any shares, to trusts on and the receipt of the person in whose name the same shall stand in steek. the books of the company, shall be a discharge to the company for any dividend or money payable in respect of such share, whether or not notice of such trust shall have been given to the company; and the com-

20 pany shall not be bound to see to the application of the money paid upon such receipt.

19. The shareholders of the company shall not, as such, be held re-Liability of sponsible for any act, default or liability whatsoever of the company, limited. or for any engagement, claim, payment, loss, injury, transaction, mat-25 ter or thing, whatsoever, relating to or connected with the company, be-

youd their shares in the stock thereof.

by-laws.

13. All contracts, promissory notes, bills of exchange, and engage-How Company may be ments made on behalf of the company, by the directors, officers, agents, come parties or servants of the company, in accordance with their powers under the to contracts, 30 By-laws, or by vote of the company, shall be binding upon the company, notes, &c. and in no case need the scal of the company be affixed thereto, nor shall such directors, officers, agents or servants thereby become individually liable to any third party therefor; but the company shall issue Proviso. no Bank Note or Note to circulate as money.

35 14. Any description of action may be prosecuted and maintained be-Suits between tween the company and any shareholder thereof, and no stockholder, Stockholders, not being himself personally a party to such action, shall be incompetent as a witness therein.

 15. The company shall not commence operations under this Act, un- When to commence busi-40 til at least ten per centum of the amount of their capital stock shall ness.

16. This Act shall be deemed a public Act.

Public Act. .