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

(PRIVATE BILL.)

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Mr. M. C. CAMERON,

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

WHEREAS the persons hereinafter named have by petition re-^{Preamble.}
presented that they desire to engage in the business of ex-
ploring, mining, manufacturing, and disposing of iron and other ores,
in the County of Lanark, in the Province of Canada, and that they
5 can 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:—

10 **1.** Alexander Morris, Robert Bell, William John Morris, Matthew ^{Incorporation}
C. Cameron, and Brown Chamberlin, Esquires, together with all such
other persons as shall become shareholders in the company hereby
constituted, shall be, and they are hereby made a body corporate and
15 politic, by the name of “The South Sherbrooke Mining and Smelt-^{Corporate}
ing Company.” ^{name.}

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 superficies, 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 the company may deem to be for its advantage; and may ^{Real pro-}
acquire any royalty or per centage payable for the privilege of mining, ^{perty.}
25 smelting or manufacturing iron or other ores 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 manu-
facturing operations beyond the limits of the said County.

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

35 **4.** The capital stock shall be paid by the subscribers therefor, when, ^{Calls on}
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
40 not be paid as required by the Directors, with the interest thereon, after
such demand or notice as the by-laws prescribe, and within the time
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. <sup>Forfeiture of
stock for non-
payment.</sup>

- Stock 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. 5
- Votes.** **6.** At all meetings of the company every shareholder, not being in 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.
- Proxies.**
- Directors.** **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 disqualification of any 20 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 elect 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
- Failure not to dissolve, &c.**
- Powers of Directors.** **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, 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 ap- 35 pointment, functions, duties, and removal of all agents, officers, and ser- vants of the company, the security 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- 40 ings, 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* evi- 50 dence of such by-law.
- By Laws must be confirmed by stockholders.**
- Proof of laws.**
- 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 power to fill vacancies, to open stock books, assign stock, make calls for and collect instalments, issue certificates and receipts, convene the first 55 general meeting of the company, at such time and place within
- Their powers.**

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; Provided always, that notice of all meetings of the Company shall be 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 in this Province, the company may establish and have any place or places of business in Great Britain, or in the United States of America, and may, 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 By-laws.

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

12. The shareholders of the company shall not, as such, be held responsible for any act, default or liability whatsoever of the company, or for any engagement, claim, payment, loss, injury, transaction, matter or thing, whatsoever, relating to or connected with the company, beyond their shares in the stock thereof.

13. All contracts, promissory notes, bills of exchange, and engagements made on behalf of the company, by the directors, officers, agents, or servants of the company, in accordance with their powers under the By-laws, or by vote of the company, shall be binding upon the company and in no case need the seal of the said 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 no Bank Note, or Note to circulate as money.

14. Any description of action may be prosecuted and maintained between the company and any shareholder thereof, and no stockholder, 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, until at least five per centum of the amount of their capital stock shall have been paid in.

16. This Act shall be deemed a public Act.

Public Act.