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WHEREAS the city of Winnipeg has, by its petition, prayed that it be enacted as hereinafter set forth, and it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition: Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:—

Preamble.

1. The city of Winnipeg may use and make available the water power of the Assiniboine River for supplying the said city with water and light, and may construct all necessary works therefor, and may use or lease such surplus portions of the said water power, as from time to time are not needed for supplying the said city with water and light, for such other purposes as the city has authority for, under the statutes in force from time to time relating to the said city.

Use of water power and construction of works.

2. No work for utilizing or rendering available the water of the said river for the purposes aforesaid shall be commenced or proceeded with until the said city has submitted to the Governor in Council plans of the said works and of all the intended works thereunto appertaining, nor until the plans and the site of the said works have been approved of by the Governor in Council and such conditions as he thinks fit to impose for securing the public good have been complied with; nor shall any such plan be altered or any deviation therefrom be allowed, except by the permission of the Governor in Council and upon such conditions as he imposes.

Approval of Governor in Council.

3. The plans and site of the said works may be approved of by the Governor in Council without making provision for the construction of a lock or other works for the purposes of navigation.

Construction of lock may be dispensed with.

4. The Governor in Council may, from time to time, notwithstanding the approval of any plans or works, require the same to be altered or other works to be added or substituted so as to make the works effective for the purposes intended and so as to protect as far as possible the public interest and the rights which may be affected by the exercise of the powers conferred by this Act.

Alterations may be required by Governor in Council.

5. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to limit or interfere with, without compensation, the rights of any person or corporation whose property may be injuriously affected by the exercise of any of the powers conferred by this Act.

Rights preserved.

City may transfer its rights.

6. The said city may assign and transfer to any company or person, upon such terms and conditions as are agreed upon between the said city and such company or person, any or all of its rights, franchises and powers in respect of the construction, ownership and operation of the works authorized by this Act subject to the user by, or supply to, the city of water power for the purposes mentioned. 5

Proviso.

Time for construction limited.

7. The works hereby authorized shall be commenced within three years, and completed within six years, from the passing of this Act, otherwise the powers hereby granted shall cease and be null and void as respects so much of the works hereby authorized as then remains uncompleted. 10