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An Act to incorporate the Dominion Water Works Company.

HEREAS George Henry Wilkes

Preamble.

- 5 have by their petition represented that one Charles Horatio Waterous has invented a new and useful improvement for supplying water in villages, towns and cities, called and known as "Waterous' improved system of Fire Protection and Water Supply," and has obtained therefor, under the Statute of the Par-
- 10 liament of Canada, a patent; And have further represented that they are desirous of forming themselves into a Company, and to become incorporated for the purpose of erecting and constructing Waterworks on the improved plan of the said patent in the several villages, towns and cities in the Dominion of Canada that
- 15 may desire the same, by means whereof, at a comparatively small outlay, a sure protection against fire will be secured, and an abundant supply of water for domestic use provided, whereby great benefits will be conferred upon the community; and whereas it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition; Therefore, Her

20 Majesty, by and with the consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:—

1. The said George Henry Wilkes

Certain persons incor-

25 together with all such other persons as shall become Shareholders in the Company hereby incorporated; are hereby constituted and made a body corporate and politic by the name of "The Dominion Waterworks Company."

2. The said Company is hereby authorized and empowered to Company may contract with the Municipal Corporation of any and every in- Municipalities corporated village, town, or city in the Dominion of Canada, for erection of on such terms as the said Company and any of such Municipalities waterworks. shall agree upon, for the erection and construction in any of such

35 Municipalities of Waterworks on and after the plan of "Waterous' Improved System of Fire Protection and Water Supply," either for the extinguishment of fires only, or for the extinguishment of fires and for domestic use, and to secure, improve, and enlarge the same from time to time, as to the said Company shall seem

40 meet, and shall be agreed upon as aforesaid; and in pursuance of any such agreement, made with any such Municipalities, to erect, construct, enlarge, improve and complete the said Waterworks. upon and after the plan aforesaid, and to erect and construct, place and lay down, the necessary and convenient buildings, machinery,

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pipes, and all other appurtenances, matters and things requisite for the purposes aforesaid.

Power to acquire lands.

3. It shall be lawful for the said Company, and it is hereby authorized and empowered for the purposes aforesaid, to exercise all the powers, rights, and privileges in respect of the acquiring of lands in any municipality requisite and necessary for the properly erecting, constructing, maintaining, and operating the said Waterworks, and in respect of the erecting of buildings and the lands necessary therefor, and in respect of the laying down of 10 pipes, and the lands necessary therefor, and in the respect of the laying down of pipes along the streets and public places, and in respect of the using or diverting of any stream or streams, or spring or springs of water, and in respect to all other matters and things whatsoever, requisite or necessary to be done in or about 15 the premises, which shall be lawfully conferred upon the said Company by any municipality.

Further powers as to acquisition of real property.

4. The said Company and their agents, servants, and workmen shall have power and authority to enter into and upon the lands of any person or persons, bodies politic and corporate, and to 20 survey, set out, and ascertain such part thereof, for the purposes and uses of the Company, and to divert and appropriate any spring, or stream of water thereon as shall be suitable and necessary for the purposes and uses of the said Company, and to contract with the owners or occupiers of such lands, and those having any 25 interest therein, or any right or interest in the said water, or in the natural flow of the said water from such springs or streams, or any part thereof, for the purchase thereof, or any part thereof, or of any privilege that may be required, for the purposes Arbitration in and uses of the said Company; and, in case of any disagreement 30 between the said Company and the owners or occupiers of such

case of disagreement.

lands, or the persons having any interest therein, or any interest or right in the said water, or the natural flow thereof, or of any part thereof, respecting the purchase or value thereof, or as to the damages caused to them by such appropriation or otherwise, the 35 owner, or occupier, or person interested so disagrecing with the said Company upon the value of the said lands, rights, or privileges, or the amount of such damages shall, six days after being requested in writing so to do by the said Company, nominate and appoint one indifferent person as an 40 arbitrator, and the Company shall forthwith nominate and appoint another indifferent person as an arbitrator, who, in Ontario, together with the Judge of the County Court of the County in which the said lands are situate, or the said privileges are to be exercised, and in Quebec and Nova Scotia, together with any 45 Judge of any Court of Record, who shall be named by the said Company, shall be arbitrators to award, determine, adjudge, and order the respective sums of money, which the Company shall pay to the respective persons entitled to receive the same, for the taking of lands, or the exercise of the powers aforesaid, and the 50 award of the majority of whom shall be final, and the said arbitrators shall attend at some convenient place, to be appointed by the said Company, after eight days' notice given for that purpose by the said Company to the said arbitrators, and shall make the award of and concerning the premises, which shall be final and 55 conclusive between the parties; And, upon the said Company complying with, or offering to comply with, the terms of the award so to be made as aforesaid, and paying, or offering, or ten-

Ract of award.

dering in payment, the money (if any) thereby awarded to be paid, and filing the said award with an affidavit of the due execution thereof to be recorded in the Registry Office of the Registration division in which the said lands are situate or the said powers 5 are to be exercised, it shall operate as a conveyance of the said lands, or a licence in perpetuity to exercise the said powers. and the said Company shall thereupon be entitled to take and appropriate the lands, or exercise the powers in respect of which the said award was made; and the fees for the recording of the said

10 award shall be the same as in ordinary cases of deeds: Provided Proviso. always, that if the owner or owners, occupier or occupiers. or person or persons interested in the lands so to be taken or powers so to be exercised as aforesaid, shall refuse or neglect to name an arbitrator within the time aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the 15 said Company to apply to the Judge aforesaid, (giving the other party two clear days' notice thereof in writing,) who is hereby authorized and required to appoint an arbitrator to act for and behalf of the person or persons so interested as aforesaid; the Arbitration shall then be proceeded with, and determined the same 20 as though the said last-named Arbitrator had been appointed according to the provisions contained in the previous part of this section.

5. The Capital Stock of the said Company shall be Five Capital Stock. Hundred Thousand Dollars, to be divided into Five Thousand 25 Shares of One Hundred Dollars each, and the Shares of the said Capital Stock may after the first instalment of five per cent. shall have been paid thereon, be transferred by the respective persons Transfer. subscribing or holding the same to any other person or persons, and such transfer shall be entered or registered in a book or books 30 to be kept for that purpose by the said Company, and for the purpose of organizing the said Company, the persons named in the first section of this Act, shall be Provisional Directors thereof, and they or a majority of them, may cause Stock Books to be opened upon which shall be recorded, the Subscriptions of such 35 persons as shall become Shareholders in the said Company: Pro- Proviso. vided always, that it shall be lawful for the said Company, by resolution of any General or Special Meeting of the Shareholders, to increase the Capital Stock of the said Company to One Million of

6. When and so soon as one hundred thousand dollars of the First general said capital stock shall have been taken and subscribed, and five meeting. per cent. thereof paid thereon, it shall be lawful for the said provisional directors or any of them to call a general meeting of the said subscribers by a notice thereof to be inserted at least ten 45 days previously to the time of meeting in one of the daily newspapers published in the City of Toronto and in the City of Montreal, specifying the time and place where such meetings shall be held, and at such general meeting the shareholders present either in person or by proxy, who shall have paid five per cent. upon the 50 stock subscribed by them shall elect nine persons to be directors of the said Company, and each person so elected shall be a holder of not less than twenty shares in the said Company; and the said directors may then forthwith or at any subsequent meeting of themselves, elect from among their own number a president of the 55 said Company, and such directors and president shall continue in office until the first Monday in February in the year then next following the election.

Dollars.

Annual general meeting.

7. On the said first Monday in February, and on every first Monday in February in each succeeding year, a general meeting of the shareholders of the said Company shall be held in the office of the said Company, or in some other place and at such hour as the president or directors of the said Company shall appoint, at which 5 meeting the shareholders present in person or by proxy shall elect from among themselves nine persons, holding not less than twenty shares in the said Company, to be directors in the room of the directors for the then past year, who shall be eligible for re-election, and such directors so elected may then forthwith or at 10 any subsequent meeting of themselves, elect one of their number to be the president of the Company.

Votes.

8. In the election of directors, and in the transaction of business at all meetings of shareholders, each shareholder shall be entitled to as many votes as he has shares. 15

Quorum.

President.

9. The number of Directors to form a quorum for the transaction of business shall be determined by a by-law to be passed by the said Directors; and the President, or in his absence a Chairman chosen by the Directors present shall preside at the meeting of the Directors; and the President or Chairman shall, in addition 20 to his vote as a Director, have also a casting vote in case of an equality of votes among such Directors.

Casting vote.

Failure of election not to dissolve corporation.

10. In case it should at any time happen that an election of Directors should not be made on any day when pursuant to this Act it should have been made, the said Company shall not for 25 that cause be deemed to be dissolved, but it shall be lawful on any other day to hold and make an election in such a manner as may be regulated, directed, and appointed by the Directors for the time being, and the Directors in office shall so continue until a new election is made.

Vacaucies how filled.

11. In case any vacancy should at any time happen amongst the said Directors by death, resignation, disqualification, or otherwise, such vacancy shall be filled for the remainder of the year by the remaining Directors, or a majority of them, electing in such place or places a Shareholder or Shareholders eligible for 35 such office.

Officers.

row money.

Company.

12. The Directors shall have power and authority to appoint a Manager, Secretary and Treasurer, and such Clerks and other persons as may appear to them necessary for carrying on the business of the Company, with such powers and duties, salaries 40 and allowances to each, as to the Directors may seem advisable; and they shall also have power and authority for the purposes and Power to bor uses of the Company from time to time to borrow money in one sum or several sums from any individual or corporate body willing to lend or advance the same, and may mortgage, pledge, 45 assign or hypothecate to such individual or corporate body the property, real estate, works, rates, revenues, income, rents, and future calls of the Company, for the repayment of the said sum or sums so borrowed, and the interest thereon, and may issue scrip or debentures in the name of the Company for sums not 50 less than Fifty dollars each, and the same shall be transferable by delivery merely, and shall, with the interest payable thereon, form a charge upon the property and income of the

13. The Board of Directors shall have full power in all things Power to Directors to to administer the affairs of the Company, and to make, or cause make by-law. to be made any purchase and any description of contract which. the Company may by law make; to adopt a common seal; to make

5 from time to time any and all by-laws (not contrary to law or to the votes of the Company) regulating the calling in of instalments on stock and payment thereof; the issue and the registration of certificates of stock; the forfeiture of stock for nonpayment thereof; the transfer of stock; the declaration and payment of dividends; 10 the appointment, functions, duties and removal of all agents, officers and servants 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 15 Company, and of the Board of Directors; the requirements as to

proxies; the procedure in all things at such meetings; the site of the chief place of business, and of any other offices they may require to have; the imposition and recovery of all penalties and forfeitures admitting of regulation by by-law; and the conduct

20 in all other particulars of the affairs 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.

14. The company shall not be bound to see to the execution of Company not 25 any trust whether express, implied or constructive in respect of any trusts, shares; and the receipt of the person in whose name the same shall stand on 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 30 the company, and the company shall not be bound to see to the. application of the money paid upon such trust.

15. At all meetings of the company every shareholder not being Votes and in arrear in respect of any instalment called for shall be entitled proxies. to as many votes as he holds shares in the stock of the company 35 and no shareholder being in arrear shall be entitled to vote, and all votes may be given in person or by proxy: Provided, always, Proviso. the proxy is held by a shareholder not in arrear, and is in conformity with the by-laws.

- 16. The shareholders of the company shall not as such be held Liability limited. 40 responsible for any act, default or liability whatever of the company or for any engagement, claim, payment, loss, injury, transaction, matter or thing whatsoever relating to or connected with the company beyond the amount unpaid upon their shares in the stock thereof.
- 17. The stock of the company shall be deemed personal estate, Stock to be and be assignable in such manner only, and subject to such con-personal estate ditions 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.
- 18. Aliens, as well as British subjects, and whether resident in All share-holders to have been the said com- holders to have 50 the Dominion or elsewhere, may be shareholders in the said com-equal rights, pany, and all such shareholders shall be entitled to vote on their shares equally with British subjects, and shall be also eligible to office in the said company as directors or otherwise.

Directors may contract with Company.

19. It shall be lawful for any of the said directors to contract with the said Company, upon such terms as shall be specified in the contract in that behalf, for the erection, construction, completion or maintenance of any of the works aforesaid, or any of the matters and things connected therewith or appurtenant 5 thereto, or for the supply of any machinery or material therefor.

Power to pur-chase and sell waterworks.

20. The said Company shall have power to purchase and acquire the plant and material and all and singular the property, franchise and privileges of any existing waterworks owned by any Company or by any Municipal Corporation, or to sell and abso- 10 lutely dispose of any waterworks the property of the company, and other the lands, rights and privileges and other the premises belonging thereto to any Waterworks Company or Municipal Corporation or private person or persons, upon such terms and conditions as shall be agreed upon between the Company hereby 15 incorporated and any existing Waterworks Company or any Municipal Corporation or any person or persons.

Power to amalgamate.

21. If any existing Waterworks Company or any Municipal Corporation owning waterworks shall desire so to do, it shall be lawful for them and for the Company hereby incorporated to 20 amalgamate their said works, franchises and privileges together upon such terms and conditions as shall be mutually agreed upon between them.

Fire alarm telegraph.

22. It shall be lawful for the said Company to creet and construct fire alarm telegraphs in all places in which it shall 25 erect the waterworks and other the premises by this Act authorized to be erected and constructed, and it is hereby clothed with all necessary powers, privileges and rights efficiently and properly to erect, construct and operate the same.

Part of Con-Bolidated Statapply.

23. The several sections of the Act intituled "An Act respecting 30 utes of Canada Joint-Stock Companies for supplying cities, towns and villages chapter 65 to with Gas and Water," chapter sixty-five of the Consolidated Statutes of Canada in so far as they may be applicable to the said Company, and are not inconsistent with the express provisions of this Act, shall be taken to be and shall form part of this 35 Act the same as if they were expressly embodied in the same, namely: Sections nine, forty-three, forty-four, forty-five, fortysix, forty-seven, forty-eight, forty-nine, fifty-two, fifty-three, fifty-four, fifty-five, fifty-six, fifty-nine, sixty, sixty-two, sixtythree, sixty-four, sixty-five, sixty-six, sixty-seven, sixty-nine, 40 seventy, seventy-one, seventy-two, seventy-three, seventy-four and seventy-six.