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in the Provincial Secretary's Office within three years. certificate of such payment, signed and verified on oath by the said Directors, or majority of them, which oath any Justice of the Peace is hereby authorized to administer, shall be filed in the Office of the Secretary of the Province before the expiration of three years after the passing of this Act, the operation of this Act shall cease, and the existence of the said Corporation be terminated at the expiration of the said three years.

## CAP. XLIII.

An Act to incorporate the Mutual Insurance Company.

Passed 11th April 1846.

Preamble.

HEREAS the establishment of a Mutual Insurance Company against 'fire would tend to the keeping within the Province large sums of money that are annually paid in other parts for Insurance against loss or 'damage by fire;'

Company incorporated by the name of *The Mutual Insurance Company*.

I. Be it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly, that Henry Gilbert, Thomas Harding, Henry Porter, Joseph Fairweather, David J. Marshall, James W. Lawrence, Henry Perkins, William H. Adams, William Henry Scovil, Charles Adams, Daniel J. M'Laughlin, Robert Reed, John M. Robinson, and all and every such other person and persons as shall from time to time become proprietors of shares in the Corporation hereby established. their successors and assigns, shall be and they are hereby erected into a Company, and declared to be a Body Politic and Corporate, by the name of The Mutual Insurance Company, and by that name shall have all the general powers and privileges made incident to a Corporation by Act of Assembly in this Province, for the purpose of insuring against loss by fire, and that the said Company. or the major part of them, shall from time to time, and at all times, have full power and authority to constitute, ordain, make and establish such bye laws and ordinances as may be thought necessary for the good rule and government of the said Corporation; provided such bye laws and ordinances be not contradictory or repugnant to the Laws and Statutes of the Province, and those in force within

Corporate powers conferred.

Qualification of Members.

Time and manner of calling the first meeting.

Investment of

II. And be it enacted, That all persons who shall insure with this Corporation, and also their Executors, Administrators and Assigns, shall thereby become Members thereof during the period that they shall remain insured, and no longer.

III. And be it enacted, that the first meeting of the said Corporation shall be held at the City of Saint John, and shall be called by John M. Robinson, or in case of his death, refusal or neglect, by any three of the said Company, by giving notice in one of the Newspapers printed in the said City, at least one week previous to such meeting; provided such meeting shall not be held until applications for Insurance have been made to the amount of two thousand pounds.

IV. And be it enacted, That all funds received by or remaining with the said Corporation, shall be invested in stock, or personal or landed securities; provided

such securities shall not be for a less period than one year.

## CAP. XLIV.

An Act to incorporate the Chignecto Steam Navigation Company.

Passed 11th April 1846.

I. E it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly, That William Crane, Charles F. Allison, William H. Botsford, Christopher Boultenhouse, W. H. Buckerfield, Mariner Wood, Jonathan Black, Peter Etter, Senior, and G. Butler Easterbrooks, their associates, successors

Company incorporated by the name of The Chignecto Steam Navigation Company.