

by the said Reverend Alexander McWattie, as aforesaid, the period of five years limited in the thirteenth section of the said Act, being reckoned from the passing of this Act, for the purposes thereof: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall affect or destroy any rights that may have been claimed by any legal proceeding taken or commenced before the passing of this Act.

Proviso: not to affect pending proceedings.

H. This Act shall be deemed a Public Act.

Public Act.

## C A P. C C X L V I .

An Act to authorize Jacob Hespeler, his heirs or assigns, to erect a Dam or Breakwater on the Grand River at or near the Village of Preston, in the County of Waterloo.

[Assented to 19th May, 1855.]

**W**HEREAS the erection of a Dam or Breakwater, with the necessary buildings and appurtenances, for milling, manufacturing, mechanical or industrial purposes, on the Grand River, at or near the Village of Preston, in the County of Waterloo, would be of great public benefit to the surrounding country; And whereas Jacob Hespeler, of the said Village of Preston, Esquire, is disposed to undertake the same, if properly authorized so to do: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and intituled, *An Act to re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the Government of Canada*, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, as follows:

Preamble.

I. It shall and may be lawful to and for the said Jacob Hespeler, his heirs or assigns, to erect a Dam or Breakwater on the said Grand River, extending, if desired, from the lands now possessed or from any lands hereafter to be possessed by him or them, at or near the said Village of Preston, to any point on the opposite bank of the said Grand River, but not beyond the edge of the river, nor upon or beyond the boundary line of the lands of the proprietor or proprietors on such opposite bank: Provided always, that it shall not be lawful to or for the said Jacob Hespeler, his heirs or assigns, by the means of such Dam or Breakwater, to flood any land lying above the same, without the consent of the owner or owners thereof first had and obtained.

Construction of a Dam or Breakwater authorized.

Proviso.

II. The said Jacob Hespeler, his heirs or assigns, shall from time to time and at all times, be held to possess and be beneficially

Hespeler and his assigns to

have certain  
beneficial  
rights therein.

beneficially interested in the said Dam or Breakwater with the buildings and appurtenances thereto belonging, so that he or they may be enabled to maintain actions at law or in equity, against any person or persons who may break down, destroy, or directly or indirectly injure the said Dam or Breakwater, or the buildings or appurtenances thereto belonging.

Public Act.

III. This Act shall be deemed a Public Act.

## C A P . C C X L V I I .

An Act to incorporate the Quebec Masonic Hall Association.

[Assented to 19th May, 1855.]

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS Weston Hunt, William Eadon, Charles Philips, William Miller, George Railton, Joseph White, James Dean, the younger, James Green, A. McKay, J. King, W. H. Rankin, G. R. Browne, J. Lindsay, D. Gale and J. B. Forsyth, Members of the Quebec Masonic Hall Association, have, by their Petition to the Legislature, represented that they have in contemplation the erection and maintenance of a building within the city of Quebec, to be called "The Quebec Masonic Hall," for the accommodation of public meetings, convened for useful and moral purposes, and that it would greatly tend to the advancement of the useful and philanthropic objects of the said Association if corporate powers were conferred upon them, and have prayed for an Act of Incorporation: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and intitled, *An Act to re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the Government of Canada*, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,

Certain persons incorporated.

I. That the said Weston Hunt, William Eadon, J. B. Forsyth, Charles Philips, J. Green, William Miller, George Railton, Joseph White, James Dean, the younger, A. McKay, J. King, W. H. Rankin, G. R. Browne, J. Lindsay and D. Gale, together with all such persons as are now and shall hereafter become members of the said Association, shall be and are hereby declared a Body Politic and Corporate, under the name of "The Quebec Masonic Hall Association," and shall be entitled to acquire, hold, possess, take, receive and dispose of, for the purposes of the said Corporation, any lands, tenements or hereditaments and real or immoveable property lying within the said city of Quebec, not exceeding in value the sum of Fifteen Thousand Pounds currency.

Corporate name and powers.

Real property limited.