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CAP. CXXV.

An Act to incorporate the British Farmers' Union Insurance Company.

[Assented to 1st July, 1856.]

Preamble.

HEREAS Henry Vardington, Doctor Alfred Digby, Alexander Bunnell, Arthur Smith, Frederick George, Charles C. Perley, Henry Lemmon and others, have petitioned the Legislature, praying that an association under the style and title of the "British Farmers' Union Insurance Company," may be incorporated, as well for the purpose of enabling parties, owners of, or interested in buildings or property situated in country places, isolated and comparatively safe from fire, mutually to insure each other, and to extend the benefits of such institution more effectually among the rural and agricultural population in this Province : Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows :

I. The said Henry Yardington, Dr. Alfred Digby, Alexander

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Corporate name and general powers.

sons incorpor- Bunnell, Arthur Smith, and all such other persons as shall hereafter become members of the said Company, are hereby constituted a body corporate by the style and title of the "British Farmers' Union Insurance Company," and by that name they and their successors shall have continued succession, and shall be capable in law of suing and being sucd, pleading and being impleaded, answering and being answered unto, defending and being defended, in all manner of actions, suits, complaints, matters and causes whatsoever; and they and their successors may have a common seal, and may change and alter the same at pleasure; may mutually insure their respective properties under the restrictions, limitations and conditions hereinafter contained; and may also insure the houses and personal property of others for such time and at such premiums as shall be agreed upon be-May hold real tween the said Corporation and parties insuring; and also they and their successors, by and under the name of the "British Farmers' Union Insurance Company," shall be capable in law of purchasing, holding and conveying any estate, real or personal, for the use of the said Company, subject to the rules and conditions hereinafter mentioned.

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visions.

II. The stock and property of the said Company shall be held pany divided liable for the payment of all losses that may from time to time into "Mutual", Gauge to the said Company and for that murphese shall be di occur to the said Company, and for that purpose shall be di-. vided, and consist of two separate and distinct descriptions of Mutual Stock. stock, namely, Mutual and Proprietary; the Mutual Stock being comprised of premium notes deposited for the purpose of mutual insurance, together with all payments and other property received or held thereon, or in consequence of such mutual insurance; and the Proprietary Stock being composed of stock in

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in shares, subscribed and paid for the purpose of fire insurance to others, which Proprietary Stock shall not exceed One Hundred Thousand Pounds, divided into shares of Twenty Pounds each; and also the members of, or persons com- Mutual Memposing the said Company, shall, in like manner, consist of, bers and be divided into two classes, namely, those who deposit premium notes for the purpose of mutual insurance, denomi- Proprietary nated Mutual Members, and Proprietary Members, or those Members. who hold shares in the Proprietary Stock of the said Corporation; Provided always, that nothing herein mentioned and Proviso. contained shall prevent the same person from holding at the same time both descriptions of stock.

III. Persons being members of the said Corporation by reason Mutual Memof deposit of premium notes for the purpose of mutual insur- bers not liable, ance, shall not be held liable for any claims for losses or pay- beyondamount ments beyond the amount of his, her or their premium notes mium notes, respectively; and neither shall proprietary members be held nor Proprieliable for any claims for losses or payments beyond the amount tary Members of such share or shares of the proprietary study which each man beyond the of such share or shares of the proprietary stock which each may amount of respectively hold ; and also in all the transactions of the said their respect-Company the profits and benefits arising from or on account of iveproprietary the mutual branch of the said Cornoration shall be secured to the members thereof; and in like manner, the profits and benefits arising from or on account of the proprietary branch of the said Company shall be secured to the proprietary members; and further, all the expenses necessary and incurred for the As to exconducting and management of the said Company, shall be penses. fairly assessed upon and divided between each branch or department of the said Company.

IV. Provided always, that no dividend or bonus shall be No dividend to declared or paid out of the capital stock of the Company, be declared out of capital whether Proprietary or Mutual. stock.

V. The said Company, by their corporate name aforesaid, Company may shall be capable of purchasing, having and holding, to them and hold real their successors, such estate, real, personal or mixed, as may estate, &c. be requisite for its accommodation in relation to the convenient transaction of its business ; and may take and hold any real Also real estate bona fide mortgaged to the said Company, by way of estate mortsecurity for the payment of any debts which may be contracted gaged to Com-with the said Company, and may proceed on the said most pany as secuwith the said Company, and may proceed on the said mort-rity for paygaged securities for the recovery of moneys thereby secured, ment of debts. either in law or equity, in the same manner as any other mortgagee is or shall be authorized to do, and also to purchase on sales made by virtue of any proceedings at law or equity, or otherwise, to receive and to take any real estate in payment, or towards the satisfaction of any debt previously contracted and due to the said Corporation, and to hold the same until they can conveniently and advantageously sell and convert the same into money or other personal property; Provided always, that Proviso: as to

the real estate:

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the lands, tenements and hereditaments which it shall be lawful for the said Company to hold, shall be only such as shall be requisite for its accommodation in relation to the convenient transaction of its business, or such as shall have been *bond fide* mortgaged to it by way of security, or conveyed to it in satisfaction of debts previously contracted in the course of its dealings, or purchased at sales upon judgments which shall have been obtained for such debts.

Company not to deal in merchandize, nor engage in Banking, &c. May hold stock as an

investment.

VI. It shall not be lawful for the said Company to deal in, use or employ any part of the funds or moneys thereof, in buying or selling any goods, wares or merchandize, in the way of traffic, or banking operations; but it shall nevertheless be lawful for the said Company to purchase or hold any stock, Government securities, or other securities of public companies or funded debt, for the purpose of investing therein any part of their funds or money, and also to sell and transfer the same, and again to renew such investment when and as often as a due regard to the interests of the said Company shall require.

Board of Directors.

First Directors.

Election of Directors.

Election to be by ballot.

Ties.

Directors to elect President.

Vacancies how filled.

VII. The property, affairs and concerns of the said Company, shall be managed and conducted by a Board of seven Directors, one of whom shall be chosen President, and one Vice-President, which Board, in the first instance, and until the first annual general meeting of the Company, and until others may be chosen and appointed as hereinafter provided, shall consist of Henry Yardington, Dr. Alfred Digby, Alexander Bunnell, Arthur Smith, Fréderic George, Charles C. Perley, and Henry Lemmon; and of which Board two Directors shall go out of office by rotation each year, but who shall, nevertheless, be immediately eligible for re-election as Directors; and the election of two Directors, in place of those so retiring from office, shall be held and made at the general annual meeting of the Company by such of the members thereof as attend for that purpose, either in their own proper persons or by proxy; and all elections of such Directors shall be by ballot, and the two persons who shall have the greatest number of votes of any election, shall be Directors; and if it shall, at any such election, happen that two or more persons have an equal number of votes, in such manner that a greater number of persons than two shall, by a plurality of votes, appear to be chosen Directors, then the said members hereinbefore authorized to hold such election shall proceed to elect by ballot until it is determined which of the said persons so having an equal number of votes shall be Director or Directors, so as to complete the whole number of seven; and the said Directors so chosen, as soon as may be after the said election, shall proceed to elect one of their number to be President and one other of their number to be Vice-President; and if any vacancy or vacancies shall at any time happen among the Directors, or in the office of President or Vice-President, by death,

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death, resignation, removal from the Province or ceasing to hold the interest in the Corporation hereinafter required, such vacancy or vacancies shall be filled up for the remainder of the year in which they may happen, by a person or persons to be nominated by a majority of the Directors ; Provided always, Proviso: quathat no person shall be elected to the office of Director who is lifeation of not a member of the Company holding an interest therein, either to the extent of mutual insurance to the amount of Five Hundred Pounds, or if mutually insured to a less amount than Five Hundred Pounds and more than Three Hundred and Fifty Pounds, together with five shares of Proprietary Stock, or if so insured less than Three Hundred and Fifty Pounds, and more than Two Hundred Pounds, to possess ten shares; and if not mutually insured, or so insured to a less amount than Two Hundred Pounds, then to hold not less than fifteen shares of Proprietary Stock.

VIII. The Board of Directors shall name and determine the General anday for the holding of the general annual meetings of the Com- nual meetings. pany ; and public notice of all general meetings shall be given Notice of in at least three newpapers that may be published in the Pro-meeting to vince of Canada, at least one month previous to the time of be given in newspapers. holding the said general meeting or meetings; and at the first general annual meeting of the Company, to be held as above directed, the members then present shall decide and determine, by a by-law of the Company to be then passed, the mode and Retirement of manner in which the two retiring members shall be then and in two Directors. future elected, and the notice of all subsequent general annual meetings for election of Directors shall contain the names of the two retiring Directors.

IX. Each member of the said Company shall be entitled to Members en-the number of votes proportioned to the amount of stock by titled to votes him, her or them insured or held at least one month prior to to stock acthe time of voting according to the following rates, that is to cording to say : Mutual Members, for any sum insured in the said Com- scale. pany, amounting to fifty pounds, one vote; two hundred pounds, two votes; three hundred and fifty pounds, three votes; and five hundred pounds, four votes; Proprietary Members, one vote for each share not exceeding four, five votes for six shares, six votes for eight shares, seven votes for ten shares, and one vote for every five shares above ten.

X. If it shall happen at any time or for any cause that an Corporation election of Directors shall not be made on any day when, pur- not dissolved suant to this Act or the By-laws and Ordinances of the Com-not elected on pany, it ought to have been made, the said Corporation shall proper day. not for that cause be dissolved, but it shall be lawful on any other day to hold and make an election of Directors in such manner as shall be regulated by the By-laws and Ordinances of the Company, and the Directors in office shall so continue until a new election shall be made.

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Directors,

Directors to make Bylaws and manage business ;

And appoint Officers.

Proviso.

Quorum for business.

Weekly meet. ings for dispatch of business.

Proviso : a quorum required for transacting business.

Directors to tendance at the Board.

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XII. There shall be weekly meetings of the Board of Directors of the said Company, and any three or more of the said Directors shall be a quorum for the purpose of transacting and managing the details of the business and affairs of the said Company, and at all meetings of the Board of Directors, all questions before them shall be decided by a majority of voices or votes, and in case of an equality of votes, the President, Vice-President or presiding Director shall give the easting vote over and above his proper vote as a Director; Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to authorize the making, prescribing, altering or repealing any by-laws or ordinances of the said Company, or calling in any instalments or assessments on Stock, or declaring dividends of profits, or the appointment of Treasurer or Secretary, or the appointment of salaries to, or securities from officers or agents of the said Company, by any less number of Directors, or in any other manner than is mentioned and provided in the next preceding section.

XIII. The said Directors, and such others as may be chosen receive reason- by the said Company, shall receive reasonable compensation for their attendance at the Board, to be ascertained and determined by a by-law or rule of the Board, which compensation shall not exceed lifteen shillings to members living in the County, nor seven shillings and six pence to those residing in the Town of Brantford, and the said Directors shall be indemnified and saved harmless by the members of the said Corporation, in proportion to their several interests in the same, in and for

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for their giving out and signing policies of insurance and all Indemnity to other lawful acts, deeds and transactions done and performed Directors. in pursuance of this Act, and neither shall the said Directors be answerable for, or chargeable with the defaults, neglects or misdeeds of others of them.

XIV. The Corporation hereby created, shall have power and Power of authority to make and effect contracts of Insurance with any Company to person or persons, body politic or corporate, against loss or da- effect con-mage by fire, on any houses, stores or other buildings whatso- loss by fire. ever; and in like manner on any goods, chattels or personal estates whatsoever, and for such premises and considerations and under such restrictions as may be agreed upon by and between the Company and the persons agreeing with them for Insurance, and generally to do and perform all other necessary matters and things connected with and proper to promote those objects.

XV. Provided always, That in all cases of mutual Insurance, No insurance there shall not be insured more than two thirds of the value of any to be over two building, nor shall a sum be involved exceeding five hundred thirds of value of building pounds on any one risk; and no mutual Insurance shall be ef- insured, nor fected on buildings or other property, situate in blocks or ex- for more than posed parts of towns or villages, nor any kind of mills, car- £500, &c. penters' or other shops, which by reason of the trade or business followed, are rendered extra hazardous, machinery, breweries, distilleries, tanneries, or other property involved in a similar or equal hazard.

XVI. All policies or contracts of Insurance issued or entered Policies to be into by the said Company, shall be signed by the President and signed by countersigned by the Secretary, or as otherwise directed by the President and imputersigned rules and regulations of the Company, in case of their absence ; by Secretary. and being so signed and countersigned, and under the seal of the said Company, shall be deemed valid and binding upon them according to the tenor and meaning thereof.

XVII. In all cases of mutual Insurance, the assured shall Parties insured have title in fee unincumbered to the building or buildings in- to have title sured, and the land covered by the same; or if the assured in fee to proshall have a less title therein, or if the premises be incumbered, perty insured. then the true title of the assured and the incumbrances on the premises, shall be expressed therein and in the application therefor, otherwise the Policy of Insurance granted thereon shall be null and void.

XVIII. At the annual general meeting of the Company, and Annual statebefore the members then assembled, the Board of Directors shall ment of affairs exhibit a full and unreserved statement of the affairs of the of Company Company; of the funds, property and securities, shewing the Directors. amount in real estate, in bonds and mortgages, in notes, and the securities thereof, in public debt or stock, and the amount of debt to and from the said Company.

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property insured with the said Company, immediate notice

thereof shall be given by the assured to the Secretary of the

Company or to the Agent of the Company, if there should be one acting for it in the neighbourhood of the place where such fire occurred, and shall as soon after as may be furnish to such Agent or otherwise to the Secretary, a full statement of all particulars of the said fire as far as can be ascertained, together with a detailed account of all damage done, which statement and account shall be verified upon oath by the parties making

same, or in such other way as they may deem proper, shall

ascertain and determine the amount of such loss or damage. and if the party suffering shall not be satisfied with the determination of the Directors, the question shall then be submitted to three disinterested persons as referees, one of whom shall be named by the suffering party and one by the Board, and the two referees so named shall choose a third, and the decision or award of a majority of them shall be binding; and if the

award is not satisfactory, either party may sustain its case in

an action at law, and if upon the trial of such action a greater sum shall be recovered than the amount determined on by the Directors, the parties suffering shall have judgment therefor against the Company, with interest thereon from the time at which such payment for such loss or damage should have been made by the terms of the policy, had no such question or disagreement arisen, with costs of suit, but if no more shall be recovered than the amount so previously determined, or a less sum be awarded, then the plaintiff or plaintiffs in such suit shall not be entitled to costs against the defendants, and the defendants shall be entitled to costs, as in the case of a verdict for

XIX. In case of any loss or damage by fire happening to any

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Arbitration in the same, if required; and the Directors upon a view of the case of dispute.

Appeal from award to a Jury.

Mutual Memportion of ing to mutual branches of Company.

them.

XX. Every mutual member of the Company shall be and is bers to be held hereby bound and obliged to pay his or her proportion, not exceeding in any case the amount of his, her or their premium losses happen- note of all losses and expenses happening or accruing in or to the mutual branch of the Company during the continuance of his or her policy of Insurance, and all the right, title, interest and estate at the time of the insurance of the insured, of, in, or to the building insured by and with the said Company, and to the lands on which the same shall stand, and to all other lands thereto adjacent, which shall be mentioned and declared liable to the policy of insurance, shall stand pledged to the said Company.

Directors to make assessment of sums to be paid by bers in cases of loss by fire.

XXI. The Directors shall, after receiving any notice of any loss or damage by fire sustained by any mutual member, with account and proof thereof, and ascertaining the same, or after Mutual Mem- the recovery of any judgment as aforesaid against the Company for such loss or damage, settle and determine the sums to be paid by the several mutual members thereof, as their respective proportion

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proportion of such loss, and publish the same in such manner and form as they shall see fit or as by the By-laws shall have been prescribed; and the sum to be paid by each mutual member shall always be in proportion to the original amount of his or her premium note or notes, and shall be paid to the Treasurer within thirty days next after the publication of such notice ; and if any member shall for the space of thirty days after May recover if the publication of such notice, neglect or refuse to pay the sum assessment is assessed upon him, her or them, or his, her or their proportion not paid. of any loss or damage aforesaid, in such case the Directors may sue for and recover the whole amount of his, her or their premium note or notes with costs of suit ; and the money thus collected shall remain with the Treasurer of the Company, subject to the payment of such loss or expense as shall or may accrue during the continuance of his, her or their policy, and the balance, if any remaining, shall be returned to the party from whom it was collected, on demand, after thirty days from the expiration of the term for which such insurance was made : Provided always, that no payment, assessment or instalment Proviso : savshall be called in on the said premium or deposit notes until all ings to be exsavings, profits or funds arising from or on account of payments pended before Insurance of the said Company, shall have been first applied to notes are calland expended upon the payment of losses or damages pre-ed for. viously occurring therein.

XXII. If it shall ever happen that the whole amount of pre- provision in mium notes shall be insufficient to pay the loss occasioned by case deposit any one fire or fires, in such cases the sufferers insured by the notes are insaid Company shall receive towards making good their respec- sufficient to tive losses a proportionate dividend of the respective losses. tive losses a proportionate dividend of the whole amount of such premium notes, according to the sums by them respectively insured; and any member upon payment of the whole of his or her premium note, and surrendering his or her policy before any subsequent loss or expense has been incurred, shall be discharged by the said Company.

XXIII. Whenever any assessment is made on any premium Certificate of note given to the said Company for any hazard taken by the Secretary of said Company, or as consideration for any policy of Insurance assessment on issued or to be issued by the said Company, and an action is premium note brought to recover such assessment the prime brought to recover such assessment, the certificate of the Secre- facie evidence tary of the Company, specifying such assessment and the thereof. amount due to the Company on such note by means thereof, shall be taken and received as prima facie evidence thereof in all Courts and places whatsoever.

XXIV. When any house or other building shall be alienated Policies to be by sale or otherwise, the policy of mutual Insurance shall be void on sale void, and be surrendered to the Directors of the Company to &c., of buil-be cancelled, and upon such surrender the assured shall be an ings insured. be cancelled, and upon such surrender the assured shall be entitled to his, her or their deposit note or notes, upon payment of

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his, her or their proportion of all losses and expenses that have occurred prior to such surrender : Provided always, that the grantee or alience having the policy assigned to him, her or them, may have the same ratified and conferred to him. certain coadi- her or them, for his, her or their own proper use and benefit, upon application to the Directors, and with their consent,within thirty days next after such alienation, on giving proper security to the satisfaction of the Directors for such portion of the premium note as shall remain unpaid; and by such satisfaction and confirmation, the party causing the same shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges, and be subject to all the liabilities to which the original party insured was entitled and subjected under this Act.

XXV. In case any building or buildings, situated upon Provision as to destruction of leased lands and mutually insured by the Company, be destroyed by fire, in such cases the Company may retain the amount of the premium note given for the insurance thereof. until the time for which insurance was made shall have expired, and at the expiration thereof the assured shall have the right to demand and receive such part of the retained sum or sums as has not been expended in losses or assessments.

XXVI. The said Company shall not commence business until twenty per cent. of their Capital Stock shall have been subscribed. Five per cent. on each share of the Proprietary Stock shall be paid as a deposit at the time of subscribing thereto, scribing there- and the remainder shall be paid in such instalments as the Directors for the time being shall appoint; Provided that no instalment shall exceed ten per cent. upon the capital stock, or be called for or become payable in less than thirty days after public notice shall have been given in one or more of the several newspapers published in every county, where stock may be held, to that effect; and if any Shareholder or Shareholders refuse or neglect to pay to the said Directors the instalment due upon any share or shares held by him, her or them, at the time when required by law so to do, such Shareholder or Shareholders as aforesaid, shall forfeit such shares as aforesaid, together with the amount paid thereon; and the said share or shares so forfeited, it shall and may be lawful for the said Directors to sell, and the sum arising from such sale, together with the amount previously paid thereon, shall be ac-counted for and divided in like manner as the other moneys of the Proprietary Branch of this Corporation.

Directors may of instalments instead of forfeiting stock, if they think proper.

XXVII. In case the said Directors shall think it more expesue for amount dient in any case to enforce the payment of any instalment or instalments of Proprietary Stock in the said Company, neld by any person or persons, and called in and unpaid, than to forfeit the same, it shall and may be lawful for the said Company to sue for and recover of and from such person or persons, such instalment or instalments as aforesaid, which shall be so called in,

buildings situated upon leased lands.

Five per cent. to be paid on each share of Proprietary Stock on sub-

Proviso : Instalments limited.

Forfeiture for non-payment of calls.

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in, and which shall be unpaid at the time or times when the same shall be due or payable, which said instalments shall be sued for and recovered with interest thereon, in any action or actions of debt in any Court having jurisdiction in civil cases to the amount ; and in any such action, it shall not be neces- What only sary to set forth the special matter in the declaration, but it need be alleg-shall be sufficient to allege that the defendant is the holder of ed and proved in action for one or more shares (stating the number) in the stock, and is calls. indebted to the Company in the sum to which the calls in arrears may amount; and in any such action, it shall be sufficient to maintain the same, that the signature of the defendant to some book or paper by which it shall appear that such defendant subscribed for a share or any certain number of shares of the stock of the said Company, be proved by one witness, whether in the employment of or interested in the Company or not, and that the number of calls in arrear have been made.

XXVIII. The Proprietary Stock of the said Company shall be Proprietary assignable and transferable, according to such rules as the Stock to be Board of Directors shall make and establish; and no Stock- transferable. holder indebted to the Company shall be permitted to make or transfer, or receive a dividend, until such debt be paid or security for its being paid be given to the satisfaction of the Directors.

XXIX. No transferred share or stock shall enable the trans- votes on ferree to vote until the expiration of thirty days from such shares transtransfer.

XXX. If any insurance on any house or building shall be Double insurand subsist in the said Company, and in any other office, or ance void un-from and by any other person or persons at the same time, the less made by insurance made in and by this Company shall be deemed and Directors. become void, unless such double insurance subsist ... ith the consent of the Directors signified by endorsement on the policy signed by the President and countersigned by the Secretary, or otherwise, as directed by the By-laws and regulations of the Company.

XXXI. In all actions, suits and prosecutions in which the Officers of said Company may be engaged at any time, the Secretary or Company to other officer of the said Company shall be a competent witness, be competent witnesses. notwithstanding any interest he may have therein.

XXXII. The said Company, shall on the first day of January in Stalement of each and every year, make to he Governor a full and unreserved affairs to be statement of the affairs of the Company, of their funds, property made to Leand securities, shewing the amount in real estate, in bonds and gislature. mortgages, in notes and the securities thereof, in public debt or other stock, and the amount due to and from the said Company, and also a list of the Stockholders and of the Directors, and such statement shall be laid before the Legislature within the first fifteen days of each session.

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INLAND NAVIGATION.

Inland Navigation Insurance in certain places only.

XXXIII. The Company may insure inland navigation risks on the Grand River or any of its tributaries, on boats, vessels, grain, produce, lumber, and any description of goods, to their destination in any part of the Province, if in the same bottom.

Public Act.

XXXIV. This Act shall be deemed a Public Act.

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An Act for incorporating and granting certain powers to the Canadian Loan and Investment Company.

[Assented to 1st July, 1856.]

Preamble.

HEREAS the improvement and advancement of this Province are greatly retarded by reason of the deficiency of capital which prevails therein ; And whereas such difficulty would to a great extent be overcome by the establishment of an Incorporated Joint Stock Company, possessing power to borrow money on the security of their subscribed Capital, and to advance and lend the same together with such portions of their subscribed Capital as may be paid up, on securities real or personal, in this Province, and the several persons hereinafter named are consequently desirous of forming such a Joint Stock Company, and it is expedient to unite the said persons into a Joint Stock Company and to invest them with the powers, privileges, authorities and immunities necessary for the accomplishment of their undertaking: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows :

Certain per-sons and their Benjamin Seymour, the Honorable Sir Allan Napier MacNab, 1. The Honorable Philip M. Vankoughnet, the Honorable Knight, M. P. P., the Honorable John Sandfield MacDonald, M. P. P., Antoine Polette, M. P. P., Henry Smith, junior, Solicitor General, M. P. P., Luther H. Holton, M. P. P., George Crawford, Esquire, M. P. P., Samuel Zimmerman, Roland MacDonald, John Cameron, John A. Donaldson, Hector Cameron, Frederick William Jarvis, Allan Neil McLean, John Stoughton Dennis, Archibald G. McLean, and all and every such other person and persons, body and bodies politic, corporate and collegiate, and their respective executors, administrators, assigns and successors, or such of them as shall from time to time be possessed of any share or shares in the undertaking hereby authorized to be carried on, shall be united into a Company according to the powers and authorities, rules, orders and regulations hereinafter set forth or referred to, and shall be one body politic and corporate by the name of the Canadian Loan and Investment Company, and by that name shall have perpetual succession and a common seal, with power to break and alter such seal, and by that

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