

CAP. LXXVI.

An Act respecting safe deposit companies.

[Assented to 9th January, 1897.]

WHEREAS divers companies have obtained powers to Preamble.
erect and maintain safe deposit vaults within the
Province, and it is expedient to make provision for the
proper performance, by the said companies, of their duties
in respect thereof;

Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and
consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows :

1. No safe leased by any safe deposit company, nor any Safes, &c., not
receptacle of any kind, whilst stored upon the premises of to be opened,
any such company, shall be opened by any person what- except by les-
soever, except by the person to whom such safe was leased see, &c., un-
or by whom such receptacle was stored, or by some person less under
authorized by him, or by the legal representatives of some provisions of
person having the right of opening the same, unless under this act.
the provisions of this act, any law to the contrary notwith-
standing.

2. The Superior Court of the district, in which the prem- Warrant for
ises of any safe deposit company are situated, may grant opening safe,
a warrant authorizing the opening of any such safe or &c., may be
receptacle under any circumstances in which, but for the issued by
passing of this act, any court in the Province might have Superior
authorized the opening thereof. Court.

3. Such warrant shall only be granted upon petition to How warrant
the court, at the expense of the party making the same, to be granted.
and after notice by advertisement or by registered letter,
or otherwise, as the court may direct, to all such persons
whose legal interests are likely, in the opinion of the court,
to be affected by the loss of the contents thereof.

4. Upon its being established, to the satisfaction of the Proof required
court, that such notice has been given, the court may issue before order
a warrant, addressed to such safe deposit company, ordering given.
the opening of the safe or receptacle in question, upon
such terms and conditions as may be judged necessary.

5. No such warrant shall be issued except upon condi- Deposit pre-
tion that the applicant shall deposit, with the company, vious to issue
such sum as may be necessary to pay the expenses of open- of warrant.
ing the said safe or receptacle, and restoring the same after-
wards into a like state and condition.

How safe, &c.,
is to be
opened.

6. No such safe or receptacle shall be opened, except in the presence of a notary public, duly authorized by the applicant, who shall prepare, at his expense, a *procès-verbal* of the parties present at the opening, showing the contents of the safe or receptacle, and deliver one copy thereof to the safe deposit company, and another copy thereof to the prothonotary of the Superior Court.

Further order
of court.

7. The court may, upon the deposit of such *procès-verbal*, make such further order, with regard to the disposal of the contents of such safe or receptacle, as to law and justice may appertain.

Discharge of
company.

8. Upon compliance with such order, the company shall be finally discharged, in respect of all its duties and obligations, for the safe custody of the contents of such safe or receptacle.

Penalty on
persons in-
fringing act.

9. Any person violating the provisions of this act shall be subject to a penalty of one hundred dollars, recoverable by the Attorney General, for the use of Her Majesty.

Coming into
force.

10. This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction

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An Act to incorporate the North Shore Power Company.

[Assented to 9th January, 1897.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS the persons hereinafter named propose to form a joint stock company, to be called the "North Shore Power Company," for the purpose of, in the district of Three Rivers, owning, manufacturing, and dealing in water, electric, steam, and any other power, electricity, gas and other illuminants; owning, leasing and operating mills, factories, and other works and plant, and for other purposes connected with such powers and illuminants, and have petitioned for an act of incorporation, and it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition;

Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows:

Persons incor-
porated.

1. The Honourable Charles Carroll Colby, of the village of Stanstead Plain, advocate; William Farwell, of the city of Sherbrooke, bank manager; Jean Baptiste Frégeau, of the village of Beebe Plain, contractor, and Edouard Alfred Lacroix, of the city of Three Rivers, contractor, and all other