

## CAP. LXXXV.

## An Act to incorporate "The Canadian Meat and Produce Company."

[Assented to 23rd February, 1875.]

## Preamble.

**W**HEREAS "The Canadian Meat and Produce Company," (limited,) have, by their petition, represented that they have been organized and established with limited liability in accordance with the provisions of "The Company's Acts, 1862 and 1867," passed by the Imperial Parliament, as a public company and corporate body, for the purposes stated in their memorandum of association, with a capital of two hundred thousand pounds sterling money, divided into twenty thousand shares of ten pounds each; and that the said petitioners are desirous that an act should be passed by the legislature of the province of Quebec to vest in said petitioners all the powers necessary for the proper organization, encouragement, and maintenance of said company, within the said Province of Quebec; and whereas great advantage is likely to result to this province by the establishment herein of said company's operations, by increasing the demand for and consumption of the products of this province, and by encouraging immigration of skilled laborers and others; and it is therefore expedient, to grant the prayer of said petitioners to the extent hereinafter mentioned; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows:

Certain persons incorporated.

Name of the corp.

General powers.

Chief place of business.

**1.** All such persons as now are or hereafter shall become members of the said company, and their respective executors, administrators, and assigns, shall be and are hereby constituted a body corporate and politic, by and under the name and style of "The Canadian Meat and Produce Company," with full authority to exercise all the rights, powers and privileges, within and throughout the province of Quebec, hereinafter mentioned, and their main office and principal place of business shall be at the town of Sherbrooke in said province, or elsewhere in said province.

Powers:

**2.** The powers hereby conferred on the said company, are the following:

To purchase.

**1.** The purchasing, leasing or otherwise acquiring lands, tenements, buildings, works and other real estate in any part of the province of Quebec, for the purposes of the company, and the selling, exchanging, mortgaging or otherwise disposing thereof;

To borrow.

**2.** The borrowing money upon debentures or otherwise, and the issuing of debentures to an amount not exceeding

two-thirds of the capital from time to time paid up, the said debentures to be signed by the president and secretary of the said company, numbered from one consecutively, and sealed with the company's seal ;

3. The buying, breeding, keeping, selling or slaughtering cattle, or any other animals, and preserving, or in any way treating the meat, or any other part of the bodies of such cattle or other animals, or the meat or any other part of the bodies of any cattle or other animals slaughtered by other persons, or buying, manufacturing or selling any substance produced or derived from any of the matters mentioned in this section ;

To breed and deal, &c., in cattle, &c.

4. Manufacturing, extracting, purifying, preparing, converting, or in any way treating, or buying and selling, any fats, oils, soaps, or fatty, oily, or soapy substances, whether animal, vegetable or mineral, or any substances more or less analogous or related thereto, or manufactured, produced or derived therefrom ;

To manufacture oils, soaps, &c.

5. The purchasing, growing, preparing, or in any way treating, and selling fish, lobsters, fruits and any other animal or vegetable products suitable for food, or from which substance fit for food may be prepared, and buying, manufacturing, or selling any substances produced or derived therefrom, or more or less analogous or related thereto, whether suitable for food or other purposes ;

To breed, trade, &c., in fish, &c.

Divers substances.

6. Acquiring by grant, purchase, or license and exercising any patents or patent rights, *brevets d'invention*, or copyrights which may be available for the purposes of the company.

To acquire by grant, &c.

7. Constructing and maintaining, or contributing to construct and maintain houses, and other buildings, for the use and benefit of the workmen and others, from time to time employed by the company ;

To construct for certain purposes.

8. Doing all or any of the matters herein authorized, and either alone, or in partnership, or conjunction with, or as factors, or agents for any other companies or individuals ;

General business.

9. Accepting or taking shares or stock in any company, society or undertaking, or the stock or securities of any government or state, whether British, Colonial, or Foreign, whether in connection with objects mentioned in this act, and either holding or selling such shares or stock ;

To take stock, &c.

10. Selling, demising, letting or licensing the use of, or in any other way dealing with, or disposing of all or any part of the business and property of the company for the time being ;

To dispose of the business and properties of the comp.

11. Making and carrying into effect arrangements with respect to the union of interests, or for joint working or amalgamation, either in whole or in part, with any other company or persons carrying on any business similar to that of this company, and upon the terms either that so far

Amalgamation of companies.

Conditions.

as is consistent with this act, this company or the other company, or the person with whom it shall make the arrangements, or some other company or person shall carry on the amalgamated business; selling to any company or persons all or any part of the company's business or property; purchasing from any company or persons all or any part of their business (being of any of the kinds hereby authorized.) properties and liabilities.

**Liability.**

**3.** The liability of the shareholders of the company shall be limited to the amount of their unpaid stock.

**Capital.**

**4.** The capital of the company is two hundred thousand pounds sterling, divided into twenty thousand shares of ten pounds each; which capital may be increased by resolution of the company, and said shares and all other shares, of which the present, or any future capital of the company shall consist, may be divided into different series, and may have such preference, guarantee or privilege, as between themselves, as shall be determined by the regulations of the company, existing from time to time, and said capital may at any time by resolution of shareholders be changed to one million dollars, divided into twenty thousand shares, of fifty dollars each.

**Power to increase the same.****Classes of shares.****Certified deed shall be evidence.**

**5.** Every deed or instrument relating to the business or property of said company, signed by the president and secretary, or by two of the directors and the secretary, or by the managing director and secretary, and all copies of the company's by-laws or resolutions certified under the seal of the company by the secretary of said company, and any such deed or instrument, or any such copy of by-laws or resolution, so signed and executed, shall have full force and effect, and shall be *prima facie* evidence in all courts in this province, and for all proceedings, judicial or extra judicial.

**Directors.**

**6.** The directors chosen at the shareholders meetings held in Great Britain, under the provisions of the charter granted there under the company's acts, and the additional directors since chosen by the board in accordance with the provisions of the company's articles of association, to wit: Emmanuel Butcher, John Miller and Clifton Shield, all of London, England, Hugh Brown, of Edinburgh, Scotland, and William Woodman Lander, of Surrey, England, Honorable Matthew H. Cochrane, of the township of Compton, province of Quebec; Charles N. Armstrong, Romeo H. Stephens, and Lieut. W. H. Smith, R. N. R., all of Montreal; and John Lawson Johnston, and Robert N. Hall, both of the town of Sherbrooke, in said province of

Quebec, are hereby declared to be the directors of said company, and shall so continue until the election to be held by the shareholders under this charter at the first general meeting as hereinafter provided.

7. The first general meeting of shareholders under this act shall be held at the company's office in Sherbrooke, on the first Tuesday in June next, and on the same day of each subsequent year, and public notice thereof shall be given by advertisement in a newspaper published at said town of Sherbrooke. 1st general meeting of shareholders.

8. The company may make by-laws, establishing qualification and remuneration of directors, use of proxies, and all other matters affecting the management of said company's affairs, and the Joint Stock Companies general clauses Act, in force in this province, shall be applicable to the management of said company's affairs in all respects where not inconsistent with the provisions of this charter. Power to make by-laws. 31 V., c. 24, applies.

9. And whereas it is believed that the operation of said company will be beneficial to this province, and particularly to the rural and agricultural districts therein, and certain municipalities have expressed a desire to aid said company by contributing a bonus thereto in cash or otherwise, or by exemption from taxation; it is hereby enacted that any county, town, township, parish or village municipality may by by-law contribute to said company a bonus in cash or other property real or personal, for the amount already promised, or may exempt said company from taxation for any number of years not exceeding twenty, or both, and any further assistance shall be submitted to the approbation of the rate payers. Aid to the company by the counties, towns, &c.

10. This act shall come into force from the day of sanction thereof. Coming into force of this act.

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

An Act to incorporate "The Sherbrooke Manufacturing Company."

[Assented to 23rd February, 1875.]

**W**HEREAS Samuel J. Foss, Charles King, Lindsay B. Lawford, William White, Francis D. Gilbert, and William B. Ives, all of the town of Sherbrooke, in the district of St. Francis, have, by their petition, prayed that they might be incorporated under the name of "The Sherbrooke Preamble.