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An Act to Incorporate certain persons under the name of *The Streetsville Plank Road Company*.

WHEREAS certain inhabitants of the Preamble.
Township of Toronto and adjacent
Townships, have petitioned for the passing
of an Act incorporating a Joint Stock Com5 pany for the purpose of constructing a
Plank or Macadamized Road from Streetsville to Dundas Street, on the west side of
the River Credit, with power to extend the
same; And whereas it is expedient to incorpo10 rate a Joint Stock Company for the purpose
aforesaid, with the powers and under the
provisions hereinafter mentioned:—Be it
therefore enacted &c.

And it is hereby enacted by the authority Certain persons incorporated.

with all such other persons as shall become

Stockholders in such Joint Stock or Capital,
as is hereinafter mentioned, shall be and
are hereby ordained, constituted and declared
20 to be a body corporate and politic in fact,
by and under the name and style of "The Corporate
Streetsville Plank Road Company," and by
that name they and successors shall and
may have continued succession, and by
25 such name shall be capable of contracting
and being contracted with, of suing and
being sued, pleading and being impleaded,
answering and being answered unto, in all
Courts and places whatsoever; and they
30 and their successors may and shall have
a Common Seal, and may change and alter

the same at their will and pleasure; and also that they and their successors by the same name of the "Streetsville Plank Road" "Company,' shall be by law capable of purchasing, having and holding to them and 5 their successors, any estate, real or personal, or mixed, to and for the use of the said Company, and of letting, conveying, and otherwise departing therewith for the benefit and on account of the said Company from 10 time to time as they shall deem necessary and convenient: Provided always nevertheless, that the real estate to be held by the said Company shall be only such as shall be required to be held by them for the pur- 15 pose of making the said Plank or Macadamized Road, and for objects immediately connected therewith.

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Company may make the said road within

II. And be it enacted, That the said Company and their agents or servants shall 20 certain limits. have full power under this Act, to lay out, construct, make and finish a Plank or Macadamized Road at their own cost and charges, on and over that part of the country in the Township of Toronto and Chin- 25 guacousey in the Home District, and the Townships of Trafalgar and Esquesing in the Core District, that is to say: from the Town of Streetsville on the fourth concession line west, in the said Township of Toronto, 30 through the new and old survey, to the Public Road known as Dundas Street, and from thence to extend the same through the Indian Reservation, to Port Credit (on Lake Ontario); also to extend on the fourth 35 concession line from Streetsville on to Lots numbers ten and eleven in the Township of Chinguacousey.

Company may III. And be it enacted, Time the make branches Company and their agents or servants, 40 shall have full power and authority under this Act to lay out, construct, make and finish additional branches from the said line of road easterly to Hurontario Street, and

westerly to the seventh ren and Francing, and at such points and places as the said Company shall deem expedient.

IV. And be it enacted, That the said Company may Company are hereby empowered to contract, agree with compound, compromise and agree with the necessary for owners and occupiers of any lands upon road, as to compensation, which they may determine to construct the &c.

- 10 said Plank or Macadamized Road, either by purchase of so much of the said land and privileges as they shall require for the purposes of the said Company, or for the damages which he, she or they shall and may be
- 15 entitled to receive of the said Company, in consequence of the said intended Road being made and constructed in and upon his, her, or their respective lands; and in case of any disagreement between the said Company,
- 20 either upon the value of the lands and tenements, or private privileges proposed to be purchased, or upon the amount of damages to be paid to them as aforesaid, to nominate and appoint one or more indifferent person or
- 25 persons, and for the said Company to nominate an equal number of indifferent person or persons who, together with one other person to be elected by ballot by the persons so named, shall be Arbitrators to award, de-
- 30 termine and adjudge, and order the respective sums of money which the said Company shall pay to the respective persons entitled to receive the same.

V. And be it enacted, That if after eight Provision in 35 days notice in writing, given to the party so case party disagreeing as to the value aforesaid, such shall not ap party shall not nominate or appoint an Ar-point an Arbitrator. bitrator or Arbitrators as aforesaid on his part, or if such owner or occupier shall be a 40 minor, then, and in any such case, the Judge of the District Court of the District in which the land is situate, shall and may nominate and appoint one or more Arbitrator or Arbitrators on their behalf, with the

same powers and authority as if appointed by the party or parties so refusing or ne-glecting to appoint an Arbitrator or Arbitrators in his or their behalf, and to meet and ballot for the additional Arbitrator or 5 Umpire.

Arbitrators to fix a day for hearing of parties

VI. And be it enacted, That the Arbitrators so appointed shall fix a convenient day for hearing the respective parties, and shall give eight days notice at least of the day and 10 place, which notice shall be in writing and served on each party respectively, and having heard the parties, or otherwise examined into the merits of the matters so brought before them, the said Arbitrators, or a 15 majority of them, shall make their award or arbitrament thereon in writing, which award or arbitrament shall be final as to the value so in dispute as aforesaid.

Provision in case disagree-ing party re-fuse to accept value ascer-tained by Ar-bitrators.

VII. And be it enacted, That if the party 20 so disagreeing refuse to accept the value of land or damage so ascertained by the Arbitrators as aforesaid, till the end of the second term in Her Majesty's Court of Queen's Bench, in that part of the Province 25 formerly Upper Canada, next after making the award and tender of the value thereby ascertained, then and in such case the Directors for the time being shall be at liberty and shall have full power to occupy the 30 piece of land so valued by the Arbitrators, in the same manner as other portions of the said road.

In actions

VIII. And be it enacted, That in any account of oc- action of ejectment or other action, real, 35 cupation of personal or mixed, for or on account of lands by Company, award such occupation by the said Company, their may be pleaded servants or agents, or other person or periods. sons using the said Road, the said award shall and may be pleaded in bar of such ac- 40 tion at any time after the said two terms in the said Court of Queen's Bench, notwithstanding any defect in form or substance in

the said award: Provided always, that it Proviso. shall and may be lawful to and for the party or parties interested in the land mentioned in the said award, or their Agent by coun-5 sel, at any time within the two terms aforesaid, after the same hath been made and the amount of the value awarded tendered, to move the said Court of Queen's Bench to set aside such award for corruption, or any 10 other matter or thing for which awards are now subject to be impugned by law: Pro- Proviso. vided also, that if the first award be so set aside by the Court of Queen's Bench, the matter in difference may again be submitted 15 to other Arbitrators, and so on till a satisfactory award be made between the parties.

IX. And be it enacted, That the said Com- Company to pany shall have full power and authority to explore certain part of the explore the country lying between Port country for the 20 Credit, on Lake Ontario, and the rear part constructing of the Townships of Chinguacousey and the said road. the said intended line of road; and it shall be lawful for the said Company to take, ap-25 propriate, have and hold, to and for the use of them and their Successors, the requisite lands upon the line and within the boundaries of the said Plank or Macadamized Road hereby authorized to be constructed, 30 and for the purpose aforesaid the said Company and their agents, servants and workmen are hereby authorized and empowered to enter into and upon the lands and grounds of or belonging to the Queen's 35 Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, or to any other person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, and to survey and take levels of the same or any part thereof, and to set out and ascertain such parts thereof as they 40 shall deem necessary and proper for making, effecting, preserving, completing and using the said intended Road; and also to make, build, erect and set up, in and upon the said route of the Road aforesaid, or upon 45 the land adjoining or near the same, all

such works, ways, roads and conveniences as the said Company shall think convenient and necessary for the purposes of the said Road; and also from time to time, to alter, repair, amend, widen or enlarge the same or 5 any other of the conveniences above mentioned, as well for carrying or conveying goods, commodities, timber and other things to and from the said Road, as for the carrying and conveying all manner of materials 10 necessary for making, erecting, furnishing, altering, repairing, amending, widening or enlarging the works of or belonging to the said Road; and also to place, lay, work and manufacture the said materials on the ground 15 near to the place or places where the said works or any of them are or shall be intended to be made, erected, repaired or done, and to build and construct the several works and erections belonging thereto, and also to make 20 maintain, repair or alter any fences or passages through the said Road, or which shall communicate therewith, and to construct, erect and keep in repair any piers, arches, or other works in and upon any creeks or brooks 25 for making, using and maintaining and repairing the said Road; and also to construct, make and do all other matters and things which they shall think necessary and convenient for the making, effecting pre- 30 serving and improving, completing and using the said Road, in pursuance and within the true intent and meaning of this Act; they, the said Company doing as little damage as may be in the execution of the several powers to 35 them hereby granted, and making satisfaction in manner herein mentioned, for all damages to be sustained by the owners or occupiers of such lands, tenements or hereditaments.

President and

X. And be it enacted, That it shall and 40 Directors may may be lawful for the President and Directors fix Tolls and Dire of the said Company from time to time to fix, regulate and receive the Tolls and charges to be received from all persons passing and re-passing over the said Road hereby autho- 45

rized to be constructed, erected, built, made and used.

XI. And be impracted, That the said Road Road and materials which and the said Road and materials which time got or provided for constructing, building, maintaining or repairing the same, and the said Tolls as hereinbefore mentioned, shall be, and the same are hereby vested in the said Company and their successors forever.

XII. And be it enacted and Directors of the said Company shall have Gates. full power to erect such number of Gates in or across the said Road and fix such Tolls as they may deem fit and expedient (which rates 15 or tolls may be altered from time to time as circumstances may require) and to erect and maintain such Toll-houses, Toll-gates and other erections, which to them may seem necessary and convenient for the due per-20 formance of their business.

dent Company may

XIII. And be it enacted, That if any person Penalty on or persons shall cut, break down or destroy in persons destroying Toll any way any of the Gates or Toll-houses to Gates, &c. be erected by virtue of this Act, every such 25 person so offending and being lawfully convicted shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and be punished by fine and imprisonment; and if any person or persons shall remove any earth, stone or timber on the said

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30 road to the damage of the same, or shall forcibly pass or attempt to pass by force any of the Gates without having first paid the legal Toll at such Gate, such person or persons shall pay all damage by them committed,

35 and shall forfeit and pay a fine not exceeding curcur- £5. rency, to be recovered before any James of the Peace for the District in which such act shall have been committed.

XIV. And be it enacted, That the fines Fines, &c. how and forfeitures authorized to be imposed by levied. this Act, shall and may be levied and collected

by distress and sale of the offender's goods and chattels, under the authority of any Warrant or Warrants for that purpose to be issued by any one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the same Districts who are hereby authorized and empowered to grant the same, and in case there shall be no such goods and chattels to satisfy such Warrant or Warrants, such offender or offenders may be committed to the Common Gaol 10 of the District in which such offered thell itted, for any period not exceeding twenty days.

President, &c.

XV. And be it enacted, That the said may commute President and Directors, if they think proper, 15 may commute the Tolls with any person or persons by taking of him, her or them a certain sum, either monthly or annually, in lieu of such Tolls, and that the said President and Directors shall affix in a conspicuous place at 20 all such Toll-gates a Table of the Rate of Tolls to be exacted and taken, to be plainly and legibly printed.

Penalty on persons turn-ing out of Road after

XVI. And be it enacted, That if any person or persons shall after proceeding on the said 25 Road with any carriages or animals liable to pay Toll, turn out of the said Road into any other Road, and shall enter the said Road beyond any of the said Gate or Gates without paying Toll, whereby such payment shall be 30 evaded, such person or persons shall for every such offence forfeit and pay the sum of

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which said sum shall be expended on the said Road or towards the discharging of any debts or other incumbrances thereon; 35 and any one Justice of the Peace for the District in which such shall on conviction of such offender fine such person in the said penalty, and from his judgment there shall be no appeal. 40

Penalty on XVII. And be it enacted, That if any persons permitting others person or persons occupying or possessing any enclosed lands near any Toll-houses or

Toll-gates which shall be erected in pursu-through their ance of this Act, shall knowingly permit or lands suffer any person or persons to pass through such lands or through any gate, passage or 5 way thereon, with any carriage, horse, mare, gelding or other animal liable to the payment of Toll, whereby such payment shall be avoided, every person or persons so offending, and also the person riding or driving the 10 animal or animals or carriage whereon such payment is avoided, being thereof convicted, shall for every such offence severally forfeit and pay any sum not exceeding ten shillings, which shall be laid out in improving such road.

XVIII. And be it enacted, That all per-Persons, &c. 15 sons, horses or carriages going to or attend- attending Divine Service ing or returning from any funeral of any per- to pass free. son, or going to or returning from Divine Service on the Lord's Day, shall pass the Gates 20 free of Toll.

XIX. And be it enacted, That the said Road not to Company or their agents or servants at any encroach on time after the passing of this Act, under and simple, &c. by virtue of its provisions, shall and may con-25 struct, erect, and build a Road as aforesaid: and also that the said Road contemplated by this Act shall not in any degree interfere with or encroach upon any fee simple right or private easement or privilege of any indi-30 vidual now holding or enjoying the same or entitled thereto, without permission first had and obtained by the consent of the owner thereof, or by virtue of reference authorized by this Act.

XX. And be it enacted, That the said company may Company shall have the liberty to claim the claim statute labour. 35 statute labor, by communication or otherwise, to the extent of one half concession on each side of the said line of road, which the Com-40 pany are authorized to depend, receive and collect from the inhabitants reading therein, being liable by law to perform the same.

Affairs of XXI. And be it enacted, That the procompany to be managed by perty, affairs and concerns of the said Comseven Directors. seven Directors, one of whom shall be chosen President, who shall hold their offices for 5 one year, which said Directors shall be Stockholders to the amount of at least five shares; and the first election of such Directors shall take place at the Town of Streetsville on the first Monday in November 10 one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, at the hour of eleven of the clock, A. M., and thereafter the said annual election of Directors shall take place at the Town of Streetsville on the first Monday in November, 15 at such time of the day as a majority of the Directors for the time being shall appoint; and public notice thereof shall be given in any newspaper or newspapers that may be published in the said Home District 20 at least one month previous to holding the said election, and the said election shall be held and made by such of the Stockholders of the said Company as shall attend for that purpose in their own proper 25 persons or by proxy, and all the elections for such Directors shall be by ballot, and the seven persons who shall have the greatest number of votes shall be Directors; and if it shall happen at any such election that two 30 or more have an equal number of votes in such a mannner that a greater number of persons than seven shall by a plurality of votes appear to be chosen Directors, then the said Stockholders hereinbefore authorized 35 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 40 the said Directors so chosen shall as soon as may be after the said election, proceed in like manner to elect by ballot, one of their number to be President; and if any vacancy or vacancies shall at any time happen among 45 the Directors, by death, resignation or remo-

President to be elected.

val from the Province, such vacancy or vacancies shall be filled for the remainder of the year in which they may happen, by a person or persons to be nominated by a ma-5 jority of the Directors.

XXII. And be it enacted, That each Number of Stockholder shall be entitled to a number of votes in provotes in proportion to the number of shares number of which he or she shall have in his or her own shares. 10 name, and shall have had at least one month previous to the time of voting, according to the following rules, that is to say:

One vote for each share not exceeding four, Five votes for six shares, 15 Six votes for eight shares, Seven votes for ten shares, and one vote for every five shares above ten.

XXIII. And be it enacted, That in case Default to it should at any time happen that an election operate disso20 of Directors should not be made on any day lution of when pursuant to this Act it ought to have Company. been made, the said Corporation shall not for that cause be deemed to be dissolved, but it shall and may be lawful on any day to 25 hold and make an election of Directors in such manner as shall be regulated by the Bylaws and Ordinances of the said Corporation.

XXIV. And be it enacted, That the Di-Directors may rectors for the time being or a majority of Laws. 30 them, shall have power to make and subscribe such rules and regulations as to them shall appear needful and proper, touching the the management and disposition of the stock, property, estate and effects of the said Com-35 pany, and touching the duties of the officers, clerks and servants, and all such other matters or things as appertain to the business of the said Corporation, and also shall have power to appoint as many officers, clerks 40 and servants for the carrying on the said business, and with such salaries and allowances as to them shall seem fit.

Meeting to be held for elec-tion of Direc-

XXV. And be it enacted, That on the first Monday in the month of November next, a meeting of the Stockholders shall be held in the town of Streetsville, who in the same manner as hereinbefore provided, shall proceed to elect seven persons to be Directors, who shall elect, by ballot, one of their number to be President, and shall continue in office until the first Monday in November next after their election, and who 10 during such continuance, shall discharge the duties of Directors in the same manner as if they had been elected at the annual election, or until such time thereafter as other Direc-15 tors are appointed.

Capital Stock.

XXVI. And be it enacted, That the whole Capital Stock which the said Company may have or hold by virtue of this Act shall be three thousand pounds, with power to increase the same to ten thousand pounds 20 if found necessary for erecting the said Road; and that the aforesaid Capital Stock shall be composed of Shares of the value of five pounds currency each, and may, after the first instalment shall have been paid, be trans- 25 ferable by the respective persons subscribing and holding the same, to any other person or persons, and such transfer shall be entered and registered in a book or books to be kept for that purpose by the said Company: Pro- 30 vided always, that nothing herein contained shall extend to authorize the said Company to carry on the business of banking.

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XXVII. And be it enacted, That so soon given of instal-ment of 10 per of crossid it shall and were he larged for the aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful for them to call upon the Stockholders of the said Company, by giving thirty days' notice in any newspaper published in the said Home District, for an instalment of ten per centum 40 upon each share which they or any of them may respectively have subscribed for, and that the residue of the sums or shares of the Stockholders shall be payable by instalments,

in such time and in such proportions as a majority of the Stockholders, at a meeting expressly convened for that purpose, shall agree upon, so that no such instalment shall 5 exceed twenty per centum, nor become payable in less than thirty days after public notice in the newspaper as aforesaid: Provided Proviso. always, that the said Directors shall not commence the construction of the said Road 10 or way until the first instalment shall be paid in.

XXVIII. And be it enacted, That of the Directors to persons as aforesaid nominated and balloted majority of for, in manner aforesaid, those seven shall be votes. 15 deemed elected who shall have the greater number of votes according to the shares held by the voters respectively, as heremoerore prescribed, at each and every such election of Directors; and that at every such election

20 in every year as aforesaid, after the ballot shall have been kept open from eleven of the clock in the forenoon to two of the clock in the afternoon, the seven persons having the majority of votes in manner as aforesaid,

25 shall, so soon after as convenient on the same day, be declared the Directors chosen for the ensuing year, by any two or more Scrutineers, who shall have been previously nominated by the Stockholders for the pur-

30 pose of nomination and report of such ballot: Provided nevertheless, that the Stock-Proviso. holders present at the place of ballot shall in the nomination of Scrutineers vote per capita and not by shares.

XXIX. And be it enacted, That if any Penalty on Stockholder or Stockholders as aforesaid Stockholders shall neglect to pay at the time required any pay instalinstalment or instalments which shall be lawfully required by the Directors as due upon 40 any share or shares, such Stockholder or Stockholders so refusing or neglecting shall forfeit such share or shares as aforesaid, with any amount which shall have been previously paid thereon, and the said share or

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shares may be sold by the said Directors, and the sum arising therefrom, together with the amount previously paid thereon, shall be accounted for and applied in like manner as other monies of the said Company: Provided 5 always, that the purchaser or purchasers shall pay the said Company the amount of the instalment required over and above the purchase money of the share or shares so purchased by him, her or them, as aforesaid, 10 immediately after the sale and before they shall be entitled to the certificate of the transfer of such shares purchased as aforesaid: Provided always, that ten days notice of the sale of such forfeited shares shall be 15 given in any newspaper or newspapers published in the Home District

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nand that the instalments due may be received in redemption of any such forfeited share at any time before the day 20 appointed for the sale thereof.

Directors to make annual dividends.

XXX. And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of the Directors to make annual dividends of so much of the profits of the said Company as to them or a majority of them 25 shall seem advisable, and that once in each year an exact and particular statement shall be rendered of the state of their affairs, debts, credits, profits and losses, such statement to appear in the books, and to be open to the 30 perusal of any Stockholder, at his or their reasonable request.

Surplus profits to be charged against Com-

XXXI. And be it enacted, That whenever the said Tolls shall in the annual repany in the ceipts exceed in amount a sufficient sum to 35 sinking fund. defray the expenses of maintaining and repairing the said Road, and to afford an annual income to the said Company of ten per centum profit on the capital actually expended in the construction of the said Road from 40 the commencement of its being travelled as aforesaid, then and in such case the increasing surplus revenue of the said Tolls shall be charged against the said Company as so

much received by them in the nature of a sinking fund, by means whereof to purchase from the said Company the entire estate, use and property of the said Road to and for the 5 use of the public, in such manner and form as the Legislature of this Province may by Legislative enactment hereafter provide.

XXXII. And be it enacted, That the Le-Legislature gislature of this Province may at any time may purchase 10 whatever purchase the entire estate, pro- &c., of road perty and use of the said Road from the said from Company, paying to the said Company the Company, paying to the said Company the capital so as aforesaid actually expended, together with fifteen per centum advance 15 thereupon, to the credit of which payment all revenue exceeding ten per centum upon the bond fide expenditure, and over and above the expense of maintaining and repairing the said Road, shall be charged and taken: and 20 it is also hereby provided and declared, that if any deficiencies of the said ten per centum annual profit should occur at any time, such deficiencies shall also be chargeable against the increasing revenue of the 25 subsequent years, so that the Company may fairly and actually receive ten per centum profit on their said bona fide expenditure for the whole time; they shall enjoy the estate, rights and privileges acquired under the 30 authority of this Act; anything herein contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

XXXIII. And be it enacted, That it shall Annual acbe the duty of the said Corporation and of counts to be laid before Le-35 the person intrusted with the chief direction gislature. of its affairs to lay annually before the three Branches of the Legislature of this Province, in the course of the first fifteen days after the opening of the Session, a general state-40 ment, upon the oath of the President or Vice-President of the said Company, before any Justice of the Peace, of the affairs of the said Company, showing as well the amount of its liabilities as the assets or

means of meeting the same; and such President or Vice-President being charged be-fore any competent Court with false swearing in the matter of such statement shall be tried, and if found guilty be punished in like 5 manner as if he had been charged and convicted of the crime of wilful and corrupt perjury.

Legislature XXXIV. And be it enacted, 1 nat not-may at any withstanding the privileges that may be con-visions of this ferred by this Act, the Legislature may at withstanding the privileges that may be con- 10 any time hereafter in their discretion make such additions to this Act or such alteration of any of its provisions as they may think proper for affording just protection to the 15 public or to any person or persons, body politic or corporate, in respect to their estate, property or rights, or any interest therein, or any advantage, privilege or convenience connected therewith, or in respect to any 20 way or right of way, public or private, that may be affected by any of the powers given to this Corporation.

Limitation of

XXXV. And be it enacted, That if any action or suit shall be brought against any 25 person or persons for any matter or thing done in pursuance of this Act, such action or suit shall be brought within six calendar months next after the fact committed, and not afterwards, and the Defendant or Defen- 30 dants in such action or suit may plead the general issue only, and give this Act and the special matter in evidence on the trial.

Public Act.

XXXVI. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be taken to be a Public Act, and 35 as such shall be judicially noticed by all Judges, Justices of the Peace and other persons, without being specially pleaded.



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