

and a certificate, verified on oath by the Directors, or a majority of them, (which oath any Justice of the Peace is hereby authorized to administer) shall be filed in the Office of the Secretary of the Province before the expiration of three years after the passing of this Act, the operation of the same shall cease, and the existence of the Company be terminated at the expiration of the said three years.

CAP. XXVII.

An Act to incorporate the Saint John Chamber of Commerce.

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Passed 1st May 1854.

WHEREAS the Honorable John Robertson, John Duncan, John V. Thurgar, and others hereinafter named, Merchants, carrying on trade in the City of Saint John, have by their Petition to the Legislature represented that they have associated themselves together for some time past, for the purpose of promoting such measures as they might upon due consideration deem calculated to advance and render prosperous the lawful trade and commerce of this Province, and of the said City of Saint John more particularly; and have further represented that having already experienced the good effects of their said association, and being convinced that the advantages arising from it would be greatly extended and increased if they and their associates and successors were incorporated, and if certain powers were conferred on them, they pray the Legislature so to incorporate them and grant them such powers: And whereas it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said Petition;

Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council, and Assembly, as follows:—

1. The said Honorable John Robertson, John Duncan, John V. Thurgar, and John Wishart, William Parks, William H. Street, Frederick A. Wiggins, Charles Ward, Edward Allison, Robert Jardine, Thomas E. Millidge, Daniel J. McLaughlin, Frederick W. Wood, John Ward, Stephen Wiggins, Robert Reed, William Wright, Charles Brown, James Smith, Charles McLaughlan, George Carvill, John W. Cudlip, Thomas Hanford, Leverett H. Deveber, Alexander M'L. Seely, Isaac Woodward, Samuel L. Tilley, James M'Farlane, William G. Lawton, John M. Walker, Thomas Vaughan, Nathan S. Demill, George Young, Francis Ferguson, William H. Adams, Thomas W. Daniel, John A. Morrison, John Hegan, William Doherty, Robert Armstrong, Thomas S. Magee, William Thomson, Joseph Crane, and Joseph Fairweather, and such other persons being inhabitants of and using trade and commerce in the said City of Saint John or adjacent thereto, as shall be associated with the persons above named for the purposes of this Act in the manner hereinafter provided, and their successors, shall be and are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate by the name of "The Chamber of Commerce of Saint John," and by that name shall have all the general powers made incident to Corporations by Acts of Assembly of this Province; provided always, that the clear annual value of the real and personal estate together, held by the said Corporation at any one time shall not exceed two thousand pounds currency; and provided also, that the said Corporation shall not have or exercise any corporate powers whatsoever except what are expressly conferred on them by this Act, or are necessary for carrying the same into effect according to its true intent and meaning.

2. The funds and property of the said Corporation shall be used and applied to and for such purposes only as may be calculated to extend and promote the just and lawful trade and commerce of this Province, and of the City of Saint John more especially, or as may be necessary for attaining the object for which the said Corporation is constituted, according to the true intent and meaning of this Act.

3. The usual place of meeting of the said Corporation shall be held to be the legal domicile thereof, and service at such place of any notice or process of any kind addressed to the said Corporation, shall be held to be sufficient service of such notice or process on the Corporation.

4. For the management of the affairs and business of the said Corporation, there shall be a Council to be called "The Council of the Chamber of Commerce," which shall from and after the first election hereinafter mentioned, consist of a President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary, and ten other Members of the Council, all of whom shall be Members of the said Corporation, and shall have the powers and perform the duties hereinafter mentioned and assigned to the said Council.

5. That the said Honorable John Robertson shall be the President, the said John Duncan Vice President, the said Robert Jardine Secretary and Treasurer, and the said John V. Thurgar, John Wishart, William Parks, William H. Street, Frederick A. Wiggins, Charles Ward, Edward Allison, Robert Reed, Daniel J. McLaughlin, and Thomas E. Millidge, the other Members of the Council, until the first election to be had under the provisions of this Act, and the Council hereby appointed shall, until the said election, have all the power assigned to the Council of the said Corporation by this Act.

6. The Members of the said Corporation shall meet annually at some place within the City of Saint John, of which due notice shall be given by the Council for the time being, or which shall be fixed by the bye laws of the Corporation, on the first Monday in the month of September, and they or a majority of them shall then and there choose by ballot from among the Members of the Corporation one President, one Vice President, one Secretary and Treasurer, and ten other Members of the Council, who shall form the Council of the said Corporation, and shall hold their offices until others be elected at the next annual meeting in their stead, or until they shall be removed from office, or shall vacate the same under the provisions of any bye laws of the Corporation; provided always, that if the said election shall not take place on the first Monday in September in any year, the Corporation shall not thereby be dissolved, but such election may be had at any general meeting of the Corporation to be called in the manner hereinafter provided, and the Members of the Council then in office shall remain or until the election shall be had.

8. If any Member of the said Council shall die, resign his office, or be absent for six months continuously from the Province, it shall be lawful for the said Corporation, if they shall see fit, at any general meeting to elect a Member of the Corporation to be a Member of the Council in the place of the Member so dying, or resigning, or being absent, and the Member so elected shall hold office until the next election and no longer.

8. At any annual or other general meeting of the Corporation, any twelve or more members shall form a quorum, and shall be competent to do and perform all acts which either by this Act, or by any bye law of this Corporation, are or shall be directed to be done at any such general meeting, and all general meetings of the Corporation shall be held at the place where appointed by the bye laws thereof for the annual meeting aforesaid.

9. Each and every person resident in the City of Saint John, and carrying on banking, trade, or commerce of any kind, and members of the Legislature there resident, shall be eligible to become a member of the said Corporation, and at any general meeting of the said Corporation, it shall be lawful for any member thereof to propose any such person as aforesaid as a candidate for becoming a member of the Corporation, and if