

## An Act to incorporate the British and Canadian School Society of Montreal.

**W**HEREAS the Honorable Peter McGill, and William Lunn, John Frothingham, David Torrance, John Torrance, David Davidson, Charles Phillips, Henry Thomas, Robert Esdaile, John Greenshields, John G. Mackenzie, and Benjamin Holmes, all of the City of Montreal, Esquires, have by petition set forth, that as long ago as the year 1822, divers of them, the said petitioners, and others who by reason of death or otherwise have since ceased to act with them the said petitioners in the premises, associated themselves together for the purpose of establishing and maintaining certain public schools, under the designation of "The British and Canadian School Society of Montreal," and ever since have, by voluntary contributions, raised considerable sums of money for that purpose, and have maintained certain Public Schools, to the great advantage of the public; That in the year 1826, partly with monies so raised and partly with monies granted from time to time by the then Provincial Parliament of Lower Canada, the parties so associated together acquired certain valuable real estate in the said City, in the names of the Honorable Louis J. Papineau, of Petite Nation, Esquire, of the said William Lunn, and of the late Honorable Pierre de Rocheblaire, of the said City of Montreal, Esquire, as Trustees; that there have since been erected on the said property valuable school buildings, which ever since have been and now are in use for the purposes of the said Public Schools; that the said petitioners and their associates, nevertheless, have never been and are not now an incorporated body, and the said property is consequently in danger of being diverted from such use; that they are desirous to continue and extend their efforts in the cause of education under the safeguard of an Act of incorporation; and that they therefore pray to be incorporated under the name aforesaid: And whereas it is expedient to grant their prayer; Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows:

I. The said Peter McGill, William Lunn, John Frothingham, David Torrance, John Torrance, David Davidson, Charles Phillips, Henry Thomas, Robert Esdaile, John Greenshields, John G. Mackenzie, Benjamin Holmes, and all other persons who may by virtue of this Act replace or be united with them, shall be and they are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, under the name of "The British and Canadian School Society of Montreal," and under the said name shall be, and they hereby are declared to be, seized as proprietors of the said real estate so heretofore held in trust as aforesaid, and may take from the said trustees or their representatives such deed thereof or evidence of title thereto as may be deemed advisable, and shall have power to acquire for themselves and their successors, under any legal title whatever, such other real estate as may be required and necessary for the actual occupation of the

Preamble.

The Petitioners and others incorporated.

Corporate name and powers. Property of former association transferred to it;—property for actual use.