

An Act to incorporate the *Canadian Institute* at Montreal.

WHEREAS several persons of different classes, ages and professions, residing in the City of Montreal and elsewhere, have formed a Library and Scientific Association in the said City, under the name of "*The Canadian Institute*," for the purpose of establishing a Library and Reading Room, and of organizing a system of mutual and public instruction by means of lectures and classes; And whereas the persons hereinafter named, officers of the said Association or members thereof, have, by their petition to the Legislature, represented that the said Association was founded originally in the year 1844, for the purpose of procuring for its members and of generally extending instruction in the various branches of sciences, arts and useful knowledge which are necessary and advantageous in the different positions of life, and that the petitioners have moreover represented that the number of members composing the said Association already amounts to that the said Association is in possession of a Library of two thousand volumes; and a Reading Room abundantly provided with newspapers and periodical publications, and that the incorporation of the members of the said Association would insure and increase the advantages which would result therefrom to themselves and to the public, and that they have prayed to be so incorporated; And whereas it is expedient to accede to the prayer of the said petitioners, subject nevertheless to the rules and regulations hereinafter mentioned; Be it therefore enacted, &c.,

20 That Joseph Doutre, C. F. Papineau, L. Ducharme, V. P. W. Dorion, A. Cressé, W. Prevost, A. Tellier, S. Martin, A. A. Dorion, J. G. Barthe, P. Mathieu, J. A. Hawley, R. Lafamme, Joseph Papin, Emery Coderre, J. W. Haldimand, P. R. Lafrenaye, F. Cassidy, Louis Ricard, Eugène L'Ecuyer, C. Loupret, and
 25 all such other persons as now are or shall hereafter become members of the said association by virtue of this Act and of the provisions thereof, shall be and are hereby constituted a Corporation or body politic, with power to sue and be sued under the name of the "*Canadian Institute*," and shall under that name have
 30 perpetual succession and a common seal, with power to change, alter and renew the same; the said Corporation shall also have the right of acquiring and possessing, for the purposes aforesaid,

Incorporation of the Institut Canadien.