

An Act to incorporate the Society called "*The Union of St. Joseph of Montreal.*"

**W**HEREAS an Association under the name of the *Union of St Joseph of Montreal* has existed for several years in the City of Montreal, having for its object the aid of its members in case of sickness and the ensuring of like assistance and other advantages to the widows and children of deceased members: And whereas the members of the said Association have prayed to be incorporated and it is expedient to grant their petition, Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows:

I. Louis Leclair, S. T. Rathé, Jacques Alexis Plinguet, David Leblanc, Antoine Bazenet, J. B. Duplessis, L. Théophile Lescaubeau, Michel Cyr, Louis Chabot, C. A. Rochon, Alexis Favreau, Louis Longpré, together with such other persons as now are members of the said institution or may hereafter become members thereof, in virtue of this Act, shall and they are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate in fact and in name under the name of the *Union of St. Joseph of Montreal*, and by that name shall have power from time to time and at any time hereafter to purchase, acquire, possess, hold, exchange, accept, and receive for themselves and their successors, for the requirements, interests and objects of the said corporation, all lands, tenements and hereditaments, and all real or immoveable estate being and situated in Lower Canada, the annual rent or revenue of which shall not exceed at any time in value the sum of two hundred pounds currency, and the said property to hypothecate, sell, alienate and dispose of and to acquire other instead thereof for the same purposes; and any majority whatsoever of the Corporation for the time being shall have full power and authority to make and establish such rules, regulations, and by-laws, in no respect inconsistent with this Act, nor with the laws then in force in Lower Canada, as they may deem expedient and necessary for the interests and administration of the affairs of the said Corporation and for the admission of Members thereof, and the same to amend and repeal from time to time, in whole or in part, and also such regulations and by-laws as may be in force at the time of the passing of this Act; such majority may also execute and administer or cause to be executed and administered all and every the other business and matters appertaining to the said Corporation, and to the government and management thereof, in so far as the same may come under their control, respect being nevertheless had to the regulations, stipulations, provisions and by-laws to be hereafter passed and established.

II. Provided always, That the rents, revenues and profits arising out of every description of moveable or immoveable property belonging to the said Corporation shall be appropriated and employed exclusively for the benefit of the members of the said Corporation and for the erection and repair of the buildings necessary for the purposes of the said Corporation, and for the payment of expenses legitimately incurred in carrying out any of the objects above referred to.