

ANNO DUODECIMO VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

(No. 725.)

Cap. 143.

An Act to incorporate Les Révérends Pères Oblâts de l'Immaculée Conception de Marie, in the Province of Canada. [30th May 1849.]

Preamble.

Members of the Association, &c. incorporated.

Corporate name and powers.

Amount of property limited.

Byelaws for certain purposes.

The Corporation may appoint attorneys.

WHEREAS an association of ecclesiastics hath existed for several years in the province of Canada, under the name of Les Révérends Pères Oblâts de l'Immaculée Conception de Marie, having for its objects the establishing of missions, procuring instruction and education, erecting and conducting hospitals for indigent sick persons: And whereas the said Révérends Pères Oblâts have by the petition presented in their name by the Reverend Father Jean Claude Leonard, one of their body, prayed that the said association may be incorporated: And whereas, in consideration of the great benefits which must arise from the institution, it is expedient to grant their prayer: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council, and of the Legislative Assembly of the province of Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and intituled "An Act to re-unite the Provinces of Upper "and Lower Canada, and for the government of Canada;" and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same. That the Reverend Fathers Joseph Eugène Bishop of Bytown, the said Jean Claude Leonard, Damase Danduraud, John Ryan, M. Molloy, and such other persons being natural born or naturalized subjects of Her Majesty, as may be now, or may hereafter become under the provisions of this Act, members of the said institution, shall be and are hereby declared to be a body politic and corporate in deed and in name, by the name of Les Révérends Pères Oblâts de l'Immaculée Conception de Marie, and by that name shall have perpetual succession and a common seal, with power to change, alter, break, or renew the same when and as often as they may think proper; and shall by the same name at all times hereafter be able and capable to purchase, acquire, hold, possess, and enjoy, and to have, take, and receive, to them and their successors, to and for the uses and purposes of the said Corporation, under any legal title whatsoever, and without any further authorization or letters of mortmain, any lands, tenements, and hereditaments, moveable and immoveable property, situate, lying, and being within this province, not exceeding in yearly value the sum of two thousand pounds currency of this province, and the same to sell, alienate, and dispose of, and to purchase, acquire, and possess others in their stead for the said purposes; and by the same name shall and may be able and capable in law to sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto in all courts of law and places whatsoever, in as large, ample; and beneficial a manner as any other body politic or corporate, or as any persons able or capable in law, may or can sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto in any manner whatsoever; and the service of any summons or process made at the domicile of any one of the said members of the Corporation in any one of their establishments wherein two or more of the said members may reside, shall be a valid service thereof upon the said Corporation; and the said Corporation shall have full power and authority to make and establish such byelaws, rules, orders, and regulations, not being contrary to this Act, nor to the laws in force in this province, as shall be deemed useful and necessary for the interests of the said Corporation, and for the management thereof, and of the affairs and property of the said Corporation, and for the admission of members into, or their removal from, the said Corporation, and for their qualification, and for all other purposes having for their object the promotion of the welfare and interests of the said Corporation, and from time to time to amend and alter or repeal the said byelaws, rules, orders, and regulations, or any of them, in such manner as the said Corporation may deem meet and expedient.

II. And be it enacted, That the said Corporation shall also have power to appoint, if they think fit, one or more attorneys for the purpose of conducting the affairs of the said Corporation, and shall generally enjoy all the rights and privileges enjoyed by other legally incorporated bodies in this province.

III. And