



ANNO UNDECIMO
VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

CAP. XVI.

An Act to incorporate "The Toronto Athenæum."

[23d March, 1848.]

WHEREAS an Association hath been formed in the City of Toronto, in this Province, by divers persons resident in that City and in the neighbourhood thereof, under the name of *The Toronto Athenæum*, for the formation of a Public Library and Museum, and other literary purposes in connection therewith, for the use and benefit of the members of the said Association and of such persons as may hereafter become members thereof; And whereas the persons hereinafter named being Office-bearers of the said Association, and acting in behalf of the Members thereof, have by their petition to the Legislature represented that they have by gift and purchase acquired a valuable collection of books, minerals and other necessary property, and have caused lectures to be delivered in various branches of knowledge advantageous to the said association in their pursuits in life, and have further represented that the benefits derivable from such an Association to the community of which they form a part, would be secured and enhanced by the incorporation of the members thereof, and have prayed to be so incorporated; And whereas it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petitioners, subject to the provisions and enactments hereinafter set forth and made in that behalf: 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 George Percival Ridout, William Henry Boulton, The Reverend Henry Scadding, The Honorable Samuel Bealy Harrison, William Botsford Jarvis, John Cameron, Clarke Gamble, Skiffington Connor, Thomas Champion, Alex. Murray, Donald Bethune, James Bovell, The Honorable John Elmsley, The Honorable John Hillyard Cameron, Frederick William Barron, The Reverend John Bardey, Charles Berezy, Captain Lefroy, R. A., William Hume Blake, Alexander Dixon, Thomas Dennie Harris, John Mitchell, The Honorable Robert Baldwin Sullivan, Joseph C. Morrison, Joseph David Ridout, M. P. Hayes, Peter Patterson, David B. Read, George Brooke, Charles W. Cooper, and Samuel Thompson, with all such other persons as now are, or being duly competent may hereafter be associated with them for the purposes hereinbefore mentioned, and their successors forever, shall be one body politic and corporate in deed and in name, by the name and style

Preamble.

Certain persons incorporated.