

46 VICTORIA, CHAPTER 46.

An Act to Incorporate the Royal Society of Canada.

[Assented to 25th May, 1883.]

Whereas the persons hereinafter mentioned have, by their petition, represented that a Society called, with the sanction of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, "The Royal Society of Canada," has been founded in Canada by His Excellency the Right Honourable the Marquis of Lorne, Governor-General of Canada; that the said Society has been maintained for some months by the petitioners and others, and that the objects of the said Society are: first, to encourage studies and investigations in literature and science; secondly, to publish transactions annually or semi-annually, containing the minutes of proceedings at meetings, records of the work performed, original papers and memoirs of merit, and such other documents as may be deemed worthy of publication; thirdly, to offer prizes or other inducements for valuable papers on subjects relating to Canada, and to aid researches already begun, and carried so far as to render their ultimate value probable; fourthly, to assist in the collection of specimens with a view to the formation of a Canadian museum of archives, ethnology, archæology and natural history: and whereas the said petitioners have prayed that, for the better attainment of the said objects, the Society may be incorporated by Act of the Parliament of Canada, and it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition: Therefore, Her Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:—

1. J.W. Dawson, C.M.G., LL.D., F.R.S., President; the Honourable P. J. O. Chauveau, LL.D., Docteur ès Lettres, Vice-President, J. M.