
BILL.
An Act to incorporate *The Hamilton Mercantile Library Association.*

WHEREAS an Association hath been formed in the Preamble.
 City of Hamilton, in this Province, by divers persons engaged as commercial, mercantile, banking and professional clerks, resident in that City and the neighbourhood thereof, under the name of "The Hamilton Mercantile Library Association," for the purpose of forming a Library and News Room for organizing a system of instruction by means of lectures, and for other literary purposes connected therewith, for the use and benefit of the members of the said Association, and of such commercial, mercantile, banking and professional clerks as may hereafter become members thereof: And whereas D. A. Macnabb, President; C. J. Jones, Vice President; William Harvey, Treasurer; J. B. Ellison, Corresponding Secretary; A. W. B. Swain, Recording Secretary; P. B. Spauhn, A. J. Mackenzie, Alexander Davidson, Colin Macrae and Andrew Parke, Directors, the present Office-bearers, acting in behalf of the said Association, have by their Petition to the Legislature, represented that the said Association have already acquired by purchase and by gift a valuable collection of books and other necessary property, and have established through the aid of the merchants and others of the City of Hamilton, a News Room adapted to promote the mercantile and other interests of the said City, and have agreeably to the objects of the said institution, caused lectures to be delivered for instruction in various branches of knowledge, necessary or advantageous to the said associates in their pursuits in life, and have further represented, that in order to obtain the advantages resulting from the said Association to that class of the community of which they form a part, as well as to meet the wants of the mercantile interests of the said City of Hamilton, it is necessary that the said Association be incorporated, and have prayed to be so incorporated: And whereas it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said Petition, subject, nevertheless, to the provisions and enactments hereinafter set forth and made in that behalf: Be it therefore enacted, &c.

Names of
Petitioners.

And it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,
 That the above-mentioned Office-bearers, with all such other persons as now are or may hereafter become members of the said Association in accordance with the provisions aforesaid, and their successors for ever, shall be and they are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name of *The Hamilton Mercantile*

Certain persons incorporated.
Corporate
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