

the town and peninsula of Halifax, and their successors in office, shall be and continue a body corporate under the title of "the commissioners of the poor asylum."

4. All the lands and premises in the city, with the buildings thereon, now held or occupied by the said commissioners, shall be vested in the commissioners of the poor asylum in fee simple. The title to the land adjoining the poor house, formerly called the new burial ground, is not to be affected hereby, nor the title of any part of the common now under lease. Property vested in them.

5. The commissioners shall each hold office while resident in the city, but may be removed by the governor in council at their discretion. Tenure of office.

6. Every vacancy in the commission shall be without delay supplied by such citizen as the remaining commissioners or the major part shall recommend, and the governor in council shall approve. Vacancies.

7. The commissioners by vote of a majority shall have power to make, change, amend or annul regulations and bye-laws for the rule and government of their own corporation—the appointment of all necessary officers, keepers and servants, their duties, terms of office and compensation, or salary; also for the government and management of the poor asylum, and all its inmates—the admission and discharge of paupers, their food, drink, clothing, washing and lodging—the medical attendance and treatment of the sick paupers—the custody and treatment of the insane and imbecile—the admission of visitors—the due observance of the Sabbath within the asylum—the keeping proper records, journals and accounts, and for securing, as far as circumstances permit, the health, comfort and improvement of the inmates of the asylum. Powers.

8. All bye-laws and regulations now in force in the asylum or hereafter adopted, shall be without delay submitted to the approval of the governor in council, and when confirmed by them, but not sooner, shall have legal effect; and a copy of every such bye-law and regulation shall be transmitted to the mayor of the city for the information of the public, and be printed in the royal gazette at the charge of the city. Bye-laws, approval of, &c.

9. The commissioners shall have power to receive all gifts, bequests and trusts for the benefit of the poor of the city, or for relief of other poor persons within the city, or any other charitable and benevolent purpose, and to apply the same as the donors may desire or direct. Commissioners may receive bequests, &c.

10. Any other poor, sick or distressed persons not chargeable on the city, may be taken into the asylum and relieved by the commissioners out of any funds they may receive by grant from the provincial treasury or otherwise. Such persons shall be in all respects subject to the rules of the asylum, and no charge for their support shall be made to the city or its inhabitants. Transient poor.

11. The commissioners shall have power to appoint and at pleasure to remove all officers and servants of the asylum, to make Officers, &c. of asylum.