

An Act to amend the Charter of the Society of the Montreal General Hospital.

Preamble. Charter of 30th Jan., 1823.

WHEREAS the Society of the Montreal General Hospital, by their Petition to the Legislature, have set forth, that on the thirtieth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three, they were duly constituted a body politic and corporate, under and by virtue of certain Letters Patent of His late Majesty King George the Fourth, duly issued on that day at the Castle of St. Lewis, in the City of Quebec, under the great seal of the then Province of Lower Canada, and have ever since acted, and still act as such thereunder; that certain of the provisions of the said Letters Patent, more especially in reference to the qualification of the members of the said corporation,—its powers in respect of the holding and alienating of property,—the number, choice, and qualification of the Governors thereof, the quorum of Governors for the transaction of business, and the extent of their powers of administration, are found in practice to be highly inconvenient; and that they therefore pray for amendment of their said Charter;—And whereas it is expedient to grant their said prayer; Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows:—

I. The present Governors of the said Hospital, and all other persons who during the year to expire on the first Tuesday of May, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine, shall have contributed to its funds five dollars or more, are hereby declared to be members of the said Corporation; and hereafter, all persons who, during the current or last expired financial year thereof, shall have contributed to its funds five dollars or more, shall be such members thereof; Provided always, that no person shall be entitled to vote as such member, who shall not have actually paid up such contribution for the then current financial year.

Who shall be members of the Corporation.

II. The said Corporation may acquire and hold, by any legal title whatsoever, real estate of a yearly value not exceeding four thousand dollars, as by the said Charter allowed, besides what they may require for the actual occupation of their Hospital; and they may acquire any other real estate, or interest therein, by gift, devise, or bequest, if made at least six months before the death of the party making the same, and may hold such real estate for a period of not more than three years; but the same, or any part thereof, or interest therein, which may not within the said period have been alienated, shall revert to the party from whom the same was acquired, his heirs or other representatives.

What real estate the Corporation may acquire and hold.

III. The present life Governors of the said Hospital shall continue so to be, subject only to the condition of their continuing to contribute to

Who shall be life Governors.