CAP. XCIX.

An Act to incorporate the St. George's Benevolent Society of Hamilton.

[Assented to 9th June, 1862.]

HEREAS Frederick James Rastrick, William Birkett, Preamble. John Edward Start, John A. Ward, T. N. Best, F. W. Fearman, James Stevenson, Charles Thorne, G. J. Forster, James E. Day, and others, have, by their petition to the Legislature, represented that the Association of which they are members, known as the St. George's Benevolent Society of Hamilton, has, for many years, been formed for the benevolent purposes of affording pecuniary, medical and other relief to such natives of England and Wales and their descendants as may, from sickness or other causes, have fallen into distress; and have prayed that, for the better attainment of the objects of the said Association, it may be invested with corporate powers, and by reason of the good effected by the Association, it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

1. The said Frederick James Rastrick, William Birkett, John Society incor-Edward Start, John A. Ward, T. N. Best, F. W. Fearman, porated. James Stevenson, Charles Thorne, G. J. Forster, James E. Day, and such other persons as are now members of the said Association, or shall hereafter become members thereof under the provisions of this Act and the By-laws made under the authority thereof, and their successors, shall be and they are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name of the "St. George's Benevolent Society of Hamilton," and may by Corporate that name sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, answer name and and be answered, defend and be defended in all Courts of Law. and places whatsoever, and by that name they and their successors shall have perpetual succession, and may have a common seal, and may break, change, alter or renew the same at pleasure, and shall have power to purchase, take, receive, Real estate. hold and enjoy such real estate as may be required for the actual occupation of the said Corporation, and to alienate, sell, convey, lease, or otherwise dispose of the same, or any part thereof, from time to time, and as occasion may require, and to acquire other in stead thereof, and be at liberty to hold and enjoy any other real and personal estate or any interest therein, by gift, devise or bequest; Provided, always, that the clear annual value of the real Estate held by the Corporation at any one time, shall not exceed five thousand dollars.

2. The affairs and business of the said Corporation shall be Committee of managed by a Committee of Management, consisting of a Pre- Management. sident, a first and second Vice-President, a Secretary-Treasurer,