

BILL.

An Act to incorporate the St. Roch's Reading Room.

WHEREAS an Association has lately been formed in the St. Roch's Suburb, Quebec, under the name of the "St. Roch's Reading Room," for the formation of a Library, a Reading Room, and a Museum, for the organization of a method of public instruction by means of Lectures on subjects adapted to diffuse among the citizens of the said St. Roch's Suburb, Quebec, and its environs, a taste for instruction, and for the arts and sciences, as well as for the extension of useful and practical information for the general advantage of society, and more especially for that of the Members of the said Association, and of those who may become Members thereof in future: And whereas Joseph Hamel, Esquire, President, and Messrs. Thomas Conrad Lee, Aurèle Plamondon, Pierre Lavoie, J. V. Desplats, Frs. Huot, Pierre Huot, Chs. Arelle, Zéphirin Vezina, Théophile Racine, Etienne Simard, Wm. Venner, Gabriel Valin, Gaspard Garneau, Pierre Lacombe, Joseph Lebreton, Louis Lépine, James Huston, Pierre Lacroix, Antoine Sanfaçon, Félix Hamel, Louis Lavoie, Régis Lapointe, James Nelson, Joseph Michaud, George Paré, Joseph Carrier, J. B. Pruneau, Narcisse Vénère, and John McMullin, the present office bearers, acting on behalf of the said Association, have by their Petition to the Legislature represented that the said Association has already acquired a considerable number of books, and caused divers lectures to be given to the public on various useful matters: And whereas they have further represented that in order to obtain all the advantages resulting from the said Association, it is necessary that the said Association be incorporated, and it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said Petition, subject nevertheless to the provisions hereinafter set forth and made in that behalf; Be it therefore enacted, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, &c.,

Preamble.

That the above mentioned office-bearers, with all such other persons as now are or may hereafter become Members of the said Association, and their successors for ever, shall be and they are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name of "*The St. Roch's Reading Room*," and shall by that name have perpetual succession and a Common Seal, if they shall deem it expedient, and shall have power from time to time to alter, renew, or change such Common Seal at their pleasure, and shall by the same name from

Certain persons and their successors incorporated.

Corporate name and powers.