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An Act to incorporate the "*Institut Canadien.*"

WHEREAS there hath existed at Mon- Preamble.
treel for several years, an Association
known by the name of the *Institut Canadien*,
founded for the purposes of union, mutual
5 instruction and progress; and for better attain-
ing these purposes the members of the said
Association have established a Library and
Reading Room, and hold General M^eetings
every week, at which they discuss by means
10 of lectures, essays and debates, subjects
adapted for the diffusion of instruction and
the development of useful and practical know-
ledge among the inhabitants of the City of
Montreal and its neighbourhood, and have
15 organized within the said Association, Classes
of which each is occupied more especially
in the study and progress of some of the
Sciences and Arts; all which they have done
for the benefit of the public generally, and of
20 the present and future Members of the Asso-
ciation more particularly; And whereas Vin-
ceslas Paul Wilfred Dorion, the President,
and Charles Quevillon, Auguste C. Papineau,
Pierre Blanchet, Fran^ois Pominville, Louis
25 Ricard, Charles Bonrdon, Charles Lacroix,
and J. B. Edouard Telli^er, the present Offi-
cers of the said Association, have in the name
and on the behalf of the said *Institut Cana-
dien*, set forth in their petition to the Legis-
30 lature, that the said Association possesses
a considerable number of books, journals
and other things calculated to facilitate the
attainment of the objects of the Association,
and that a great number of lectures and es-
35 says have by its intervention been given to
the public; and have further represented
that for the more readily and efficiently at-