

## An Act to incorporate the Montreal Library Society.

**W**HEREAS William Henry Hingston and Thomas Walter Jones, Preamble.  
 Doctors of Medicine, John William Dawson, Doctor of Laws,  
 and Thomas Cramp, Henry Thomas, William E. Phillips, William  
 Nivin, Alfred Rimmer, John Leeming, John Greenshields, Wil-  
 5 liam Henry, Allan Davies, Alexander Morris and James Ferrier the  
 younger, Esquires, have by petition set forth, that there does not exist  
 in the City of Montreal any Public Library at all commensurate with  
 the literary, scientific and educational wants thereof; that in order to  
 the formation and permanent maintenance of such Library, it is neces-  
 10 sary that a Society should be incorporated to that end with all needful  
 powers for the raising of capital and the acquisition and holding of  
 real property and otherwise; and that they are desirous of being so  
 incorporated, under the name of "The Montreal Library Society;"  
 And whereas it is expedient to grant their prayer; Therefore Her  
 15 Majesty, &c., enacts as follows:

I. The said William Henry Hingston, Thomas Walter Jones, John  
 William Dawson, Thomas Cramp, Henry Thomas, William E.  
 Phillips, William Nivin, Alfred Rimmer, John Leeming, John Green-  
 shields, William Henry, Allan Davies, Alexander Morris and James  
 20 Ferrier the younger, and all other persons who may by virtue of this  
 Act replace or be united with them, shall be and they are hereby con-  
 stituted a body politic and corporate, under the name of "The Mon-  
 treal Library Society," for the establishing and maintenance of a  
 Public Library, in the said City of Montreal, and under the said name  
 25 shall have power to acquire for themselves and their successors, under  
 any legal title whatever, such real estate as they may require for their  
 actual occupation as such Library Society, and may sell and alienate  
 any real estate held by them, and acquire other instead thereof for the  
 purposes of this Act; and may acquire any other real estate or interest  
 30 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 estate for  
 a period of not more than three years, but the same or any part or  
 portion thereof or interest therein which may not within the said  
 period have been alienated, shall revert to the party from whom the  
 35 same was acquired, his heirs or other representatives.

The Petition-  
ers and others  
incorporated.

Corporate  
name and  
powers.

Property for  
actual use.

Proviso: as to  
real estate not  
required for  
actual use of  
the Corpora-  
tion.

II. The said Corporation shall have power to administer their affairs  
 by such and so many Directors and other officers, and under such  
 restrictions as touching their powers and duties, as by By-law in that  
 behalf they may from time to time ordain; and they may assign to  
 40 any of such officers such remuneration as they may deem requisite.

Administra-  
tion of affairs  
of Corpora-  
tion.