

BILL.

An Act to incorporate the Congregation of the Catholics of Quebec speaking the English Language.

WHEREAS the Committee of Management of the Congregation of the Catholics of Quebec, speaking the English Language, have by their Petition to the Legislature represented, that divers lots of ground in the said City of Quebec have been acquired for the use of the said Congregation, and a Church known by the name of *St. Patrick's Church*, and divers other buildings have been erected thereon, and that the said Church hath been and is used as a place of Public Worship according to the rites, ceremonies and doctrine of the Roman Catholic Church; and the said Committee have further represented that the said lots of ground, Church and buildings are now held by Trustees for the purposes and to the uses aforesaid, and that difficulties have arisen in the management of the said property and of the affairs of the said Congregation generally, from their want of a corporate capacity, and have prayed, that an Act may be passed incorporating the said Congregation with the powers necessary for the management of their affairs and business; and it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said Petition; Be it therefore enacted, &c.,

That the holders of Pews in *St. Patrick's Church* in the said City of Quebec, and those who shall be hereafter holders of Pews therein, together with such other persons as may under the By-laws of the Corporation hereby created, hereafter become Members thereof, shall be and are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate by the name of "*The Congregation of the Catholics of Quebec speaking the English Language*," and shall by that name have perpetual succession and a common seal, and by that name shall and may sue and be sued, and may hold personal property, and shall have other the powers vested in corporate bodies under the Interpretation Act, and shall have full power and authority to possess, hold, enjoy and use, the real property hereinafter vested in the said Corporation, and to take, accept, by purchase, gift, devise or other title and to hold, use and enjoy, such other real property as may be useful or necessary for the purposes of the said Congregation not exceeding in yearly value the sum of two thousand pounds currency, over and above the value of the property hereby vested in the said Corporation, and to make, ordain, establish and put in execution such By-laws, Rules, Ordinances and Regulations not being contrary to the Constitution of this Province or the laws of Lower Canada, or to the provisions of this Act, or to the Constitution, Canons, Rules and Ordinances of the Roman Catholic Church, as may appear to the said Corporation necessary or expedient to the interests thereof, and to alter or repeal such By-laws, Rules, Ordinances or Regulations or any of them, whenever it may appear to them expedient for the interest of the said Corporation so to do.

Preamble.

Holders of Pews in *St. Patrick's Church, Quebec*, incorporated.

Corporate name and powers.

Amount of Real property limited. By-laws.

II. And be it enacted, That all the property real and personal now held