

An Act to incorporate the General Hospital of the District of Richelieu.

**W**HEREAS certain members of the Clergy, Magistrates, and other inhabitants of the District of Richelieu, have prayed for the Incorporation of an Institution to be located in the Town of Sorel, under the name of the General Hospital of the District of Richelieu ; And whereas urgent reasons have been assigned in support of the prayer thereof:— Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows :

Preamble.

**1.** From and after the passing of this Act, the Local Council of the Town of Sorel shall appoint one person who, together with the curé and the churchwarden in office of the Parish of St. Pierre de Sorel and their successors for ever, and two other persons, resident within the Town of Sorel, to be appointed by the Governor-in-Council during pleasure, shall be the Trustees of the said Hospital, and shall form and be a body corporate by the name of the General Hospital of the District of Sorel, and as such shall have the usual powers and rights of bodies corporate, and shall have power to acquire and hold such real estate as may be required, and necessary for the actual occupation of the said Hospital, 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 instead thereof : Provided always, that the said Corporation may acquire any other Real Estate or any interest therein by gift, devise or bequest ; And provided also, that the proceeds of such property as shall have been disposed of during the said period, may be invested in the public securities of the Province, Stocks of Chartered Banks, mortgages, or other approved securities for the use of the said corporation ; And the said corporation also shall and may, from time to time, make such By-laws and Rules for the internal management and regulation of the said Hospital as shall to them seem meet and expedient. Provided always, that such By-laws or Rules shall be laid before the Governor-in-Council within thirty days after the same shall have been so made as aforesaid, and may be by him disallowed within one month thereafter ; and any three of the said Trustees shall form a quorum for the transaction of business ; And provided further, that the term of appointment by the Governor-in-Council of any of the aforesaid Trustees, shall not be for a longer period than three years ; but they shall act as such Trustees until their successors are appointed, and every such Trustee shall be eligible for re-appointment.

Appointment and incorporation of Trustees.

Their Power.

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**2.** The said Trustees, by the name aforesaid, shall have the power to appoint a Clerk or Secretary and Agent, and to remove him at their pleasure, and to appoint another in the place of the person so removed ; and it shall be the duty of the said Trustees to invest in good and sufficient securities, all moneys which may at any time come into their hands for the use and support of the said Hospital, and from time to

May appoint Secretary or Agent.

Their duties defined.