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An Act to incorporate the Congregation
of the Most Holy Redeemer.

First reading, March 9, 1900.

(PRIVATE BILL.)

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An Act to incorporate the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer.

WHEREAS the persons hereinafter named have, by their petition, prayed that it be enacted as hereinafter set forth, and it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition: Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:—

Preamble.

1. The Reverend Fathers Alphonse Lemieux, Edward Strubbe, Louis Savard, Edmond Flynn and Gustave Vermeiren, members of the Religious Community of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, together with such persons as become members of the congregation, are hereby incorporated under the name of "The Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer," hereinafter called "the Congregation."

Incorporation.

Corporate name.

2. No legal title deed in which the said community is erroneously designated as "The Redemptorist Fathers" shall be set aside by reason of such error, if the said community was intended to be designated by such deed.

Redemptorist Fathers.

3. Only persons belonging to the religious community known in the Roman Catholic Church under the name of "The Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer" may be members of the Congregation.

Who may be members.

3. The persons named in section 1 of this Act shall be the first directors of the Congregation.

First directors.

2. The board of directors of the Congregation shall consist of five members, of whom three shall be a quorum.

Number of directors.

3. The board may make by-laws, rules and regulations for the administration of the property, management and internal government of the Congregation, the election, number and power of its officers, the admission and retirement of its members, the number and place of meeting of the directors, and generally all by-laws consistent with the laws of Canada.

Power to make by-laws, etc.

4. The Superior of the said community in the city of Montreal shall be, ex officio, the president of the board of directors.

President of board.

4. The Congregation shall have its corporate seat in the city of Montreal, but it may establish houses in different parts of Canada for the purposes for which the Congregation is incorporated.

Corporate seat.

Branches.

Objects.

5. The objects of the Congregation are:—

- (a.) The maintenance of public worship;
- (b.) The religious education of the people and especially that of the poor and abandoned, particularly by holding missions in cities, towns, villages and parishes;
- (c.) Taking spiritual charge temporarily of small congregations which cannot afford to support a priest;
- (d.) Giving a moral education, particularly to poor and orphan children;
- (e.) Helping in missions and education, within the limits of 10 its duties;
- (f.) The maintenance of public cemeteries connected with buildings devoted to public worship under its care, and the construction and maintenance of halls attached or belonging to the buildings devoted to public worship under its care, for 15 the public purposes of such buildings respectively;
- (g.) All other works depending upon those above mentioned, and all other works connected with the objects set out in this section.

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Property.

6. The Congregation may, for the purposes of its incorpora- 20 tion only, acquire property and dispose thereof; provided that the annual revenue from any real property held by the Congregation shall not exceed twenty thousand dollars.

Revenue from real property limited.
Property in Montreal.

2. The Congregation may hold in perpetual usufruct the real property on which is erected the parish church of St. 25 Ann, in the city of Montreal, a parsonage and other buildings and dependencies; the said property being of irregular and nearly triangular form, and known and designated as a portion of number one thousand four hundred on the official plan and book of reference of St. Ann's ward in the said city, according 30 to the terms of the private agreement between the said community and the Roman Catholic Bishop of Montreal, bearing date the fifteenth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four.

Return to Government when required.

7. The Congregation shall, at all times when required, make 35 a full return under oath, showing the number of its monasteries, the property, real and personal, held by, or in connection with, each such monastery, the income derived from such property, and such other information relating thereto as is required by the Governor in Council or by either House of Parliament. 40