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WHEREAS Charles J. May, O. R. Jacobi, A. Vogt Allan Preamble.

Edson and other Artists, members of an Association of Canadian Artists, have by Petition set forth that they have during the last two years existed as an association known as
 5 "The Society of Canadian Artists," having for their object the advancement of the Fine Arts in the Dominion of Canada, by elevating the standard of art, training artists throughout this Dominion and inciting them to emulation in the production of works of art for public exhibition and disposal, in the
 10 manner practised by the Art Unions of Great Britain, France, and other European Powers, and for these purposes to establish and maintain schools of art and design, Art libraries, Picture Galleries, and Art unions, at the same time providing for the relief of indigent artists, their widows and
 15 children, in case of sickness, old age, or death, by an annual subscription of its members, to form a fund distributable according to their wants and necessities; and that they are desirous of being enabled to carry out the objects of such association, by legislative enactment, incorporating them
 20 under the name of "The Society of Canadian Artists," and whereas it is expedient to grant their prayer: Therefore Her Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:—

1. The said Charles J. May, O. R. Jacobi, A. Vogt, Allan Certain
 25 Edson, and all other persons, being artists, who may, by persons in-
 virtue of this Act, replace, or be united with them, shall be, corporated.
 and they are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, under the name of "The Society of Canadian Artists," for all and every the purposes and ends aforesaid, and, under
 30 the said name, may acquire, by any legal title whatever, such real estate as they may require for their actual use and occupation, as such association; 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
 35 estate or interest therein, by gift, devise, or bequest, and may hold such real estate for a period of not more than five 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 same was
 40 acquired, his heirs, or other representatives.

2. The Corporation shall have power to administer their Officers of
 affairs by such and so many councillors, and other officers, Corporation.
 and under such restrictions as touching their powers and duties as any By-laws in that behalf they may, from time to

time, ordain: and they may assign to any of such officers, such remuneration as they may deem requisite.

By-laws for certain purposes.

3. The Corporation may make all such By-laws, not contrary to Law, as they may deem expedient for the Government thereof, the maintainance and due regulation of any 5 and every Gallery of Art, School of Design, Museum, Library, Reading Room, Art Union, or other subsidiary undertaking of the like description, which they may find practicable and conducive to the advancement of the Fine Arts, the raising of capital by the issue of transferable shares, or otherwise, 10 the conditions under which such shares shall be issued and may be transferred, or forfeited, and the administration of their affairs generally, and may amend and repeal such By-laws, from time to time, observing always, however, such formalities of procedure as, by such By-laws, may have been 15 prescribed to that end; and, generally, shall have all needful corporate powers, for the aforesaid purposes of their organization and the purposes of this Act.

Application of revenues.

4. All the revenues of the Corporation, from whatever source they may be derived, shall be devoted exclusively to 20 the maintenance and objects of the Corporation, and of such aids and reliefs to indigent Artists, their widows, and children, purposes and undertakings as aforesaid, and to the acquisition, improvement, and repair of the buildings, and other real estate required to that end, and to the purchase of pictures 25 and books for the supply of their Gallery of Art, School of Design, Art Unions, and Libraries aforesaid, and to no other purposes whatsoever.

Corporation may establish an Art Union.

5. And it shall be lawful for the said Corporation to establish and maintain an Art Union in connection with the 30 other operations of the said Corporation, and, for that purpose, to purchase, or otherwise acquire pictures, or other works of art, and distribute the same amongst the members of the said Corporation, or subscribers, or contributors to its fund, by lot or chance, under By-laws enacted, or to be enacted, to 35 regulate such distribution, anything contained in chapter ninety-five of the consolidated statutes of the late Province of Canada, intituled "An Act respecting Lotteries," or any other law, custom, or usage to the contrary, notwithstanding.