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An Act to incorporate the "Institut des  
Artisans Canadiens of Montreal."

*(PRIVATE BILL.)*

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Hon. Mr. Atty. Gen. CARTIER.

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An Act to incorporate the "Institut des Artisans Canadiens de Montréal."

**W**HEREAS an Association under the name of "The Institut des Artisans Canadiens de Montreal" has existed for some time past in the city of Montreal, having for its object, the providing for its members the means of instruction in the principles of art, and in the different branches of science, and to afford them information of a useful and advantageous character by means of a library, reading room, museum, lectures and classes; and whereas the members of the said association have prayed to be incorporated with certain powers, and it is expedient to grant their petition; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows;

1. Jacques M. Plinquet, David Perrault, Antoine Basinet, D. Boudrias, N. Oswald Coursolles, P. S. Beaudvin, J. Epte. Allard, Narcisse Valois, J. Cazimir Coursolles, J. Belanger, P. H. Morin, J. L. Levéque, Onezime Labrecque, C. Rouillard, J. B. Rouillard, and Noel G. Larivière, together with such other persons as now are or may hereafter become members of the said Society, in virtue of this Act, shall be and they are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, in fact and in name, under the name of "L'Institut Canadien des Artisans de Montréal," and by that name shall have power from time to time, and at any time hereafter, to purchase, acquire, possess, hold, exchange, accept and receive for themselves and their successors, all lands, tenements and hereditaments, and all real or immoveable estate, being and situated in Lower Canada, necessary for the actual use and occupation of the said corporation, and the said property to hypothecate, sell, alienate and dispose of and to acquire other instead thereof for the same purposes; and any majority of the said corporation from the time being shall have full power and authority to make and establish such rules, regulations, and By-laws in no respect inconsistent with this Act, nor with the laws then in force in Lower Canada, as they may deem expedient and necessary for the interest of the said corporation and for the admission of members thereof, and the same, as also such By-laws and regulations of the Institution as may be in force at the passing of this Act, to amend and repeal from time to time, in whole or in part.

2. Provided always, that the rents, revenues and profits arising out of every description of property belonging to the said corporation, shall be appropriated and employed exclusively for the benefit of the members of the said corporation, and for the erection and repair of the buildings necessary for the purposes of the said corporation, and for the payment of expenses legitimately incurred in carrying out any of the objects above referred to.

Committee of Management and officers.

3. The affairs and business of the said corporation, shall be managed by a Committee of Management composed of the officers of the said corporation, consisting of a President, a first and second Vice-President, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, an Assistant Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, an Assistant Treasurer, a Librarian, a Curator of the Museum, and of six other members forming together the general committee. 5

Property of Association transferred to corporation.

4. All real and personal estate at present the property of the Association, or which may be hereafter acquired by the members in their capacity as such by purchase, donation, or otherwise, and all debts, claims and rights which they may be possessed of in such capacity, shall be and they are hereby transferred to the corporation constituted by this Act, and the said corporation shall be charged with all the liabilities and obligations of the said Association; and the rules, regulations and by-laws, now or hereafter to be established for the management of the said Association shall be and continue to be the rules, regulations and by-laws of the said corporation, until altered or repealed in the manner prescribed by this Act. 15

By-laws continued until repealed.

Competency of members as witnesses.

5. No person otherwise competent to be a witness in any suit, action, or prosecution in which the said corporation may be a party or interested shall be deemed incompetent to be such witness by reason of his being or having been a member or officer of the said corporation or association. 20

Recovery of subscriptions.

6. All subscriptions of members due to the corporation under and by-law, all penalties incurred under any by-law, by any person bound thereby, and all other sums of money due to the corporation, shall be paid to the Treasurer thereof, and in default of payment, may be recovered in any action brought by him in the name of the corporation in any Court of competent civil jurisdiction: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall prevent any member from withdrawing from the said corporation at any time, after payment of all arrears due to the said corporation by him, and after having given written notice of his intention to withdraw from the corporation to the Secretary. 25 30

Proviso, Returns to Government.

7. The corporation shall, at all times when thereunto required by the Governor, or by either branch of the Legislature, make a full return of their property and of their receipts and expenditure, for such period, and with such details and other information as the Governor or either branch of the Legislature may require. 35

Public Act.

8. This Act shall be deemed a public Act.