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An Act to incorporate the Supreme Grand
Lodge of the Sons of England Benefit
Society.

First reading, April 22nd, 1898.

(PRIVATE BILL.)

Mr. BERTRAM.

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An Act to incorporate the Supreme Grand Lodge of
the Sons of England Benefit Society.

WHEREAS a petition has been presented praying that it Preamble.
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
5 and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:—

1. Edward Parnell, Junior, of the city of London; Charles Incorporation.
Alfred Hodgetts, Barlow Cumberland, John William Carter,
Benjamin Hinchcliffe, Stephen W. Burns, George F. Carrette,
Samuel B. Pollard, John C. Swait, John S. King, Richard
20 Ivens, James Lomas and George Clatworthy, all of the city
of Toronto; William R. Stroud, of the city of Ottawa; John
W. Kempling, of the city of St. Catharines; Thomas Elliott,
of the city of Brantford; William Hancock, of the city of
Hamilton; R. Croft Hulme and John W. London, of the city
15 of Belleville, all in the province of Ontario; W. C. Blake, H.
Madge, F. A. Jackson and H. Hammersly, all of the city of
Montreal, in the province of Quebec; J. Whittemore and H.
Wooley, of the city of Halifax, in the province of Nova
Scotia; C. H. Pick, of the town of Moncton, and J. B. Stubbs,
20 of the city of St. John, in the province of New Brunswick;
J. Harrison and J. L. Broughton, of the city of Winnipeg, in
the province of Manitoba; C. C. King and W. Rowland
Winter, of the town of Calgary, in the North-West Territories;
Reverend H. C. Clinton, of the city of Vancouver, and John
25 C. Taylor, of the city of Victoria, in the province of British
Columbia, members of the Supreme Grand Lodge of the Sons
of England Benefit Society, together with such persons as are
or become members of the said Supreme Grand Lodge, are
hereby incorporated under the name of "The Supreme Grand
30 Lodge of the Sons of England Benefit Society," hereinafter
called "the Society," for the following purposes and objects:—
- (a.) To unite fraternally all persons entitled to membership
under the constitution and laws of the Society; and the word
"laws" shall include general laws and by-laws; Corporate
name.
- 35 (b.) To give all moral and material aid in its power to its
members, and those dependent upon them; Objects of
Society.
- (c.) To educate its members socially, morally and intellec-
tually; "Laws."
- (d.) To establish a fund for the relief of sick and distressed
40 members;
- (e.) To establish a benefit fund, from which, on satisfactory
evidence of the death of a member of the Society who has
complied with all its lawful requirements, a sum not exceeding

three thousand dollars shall be paid to the widow, orphans, dependents, or other beneficiary whom the member has designated, or to the personal representative of the member as laid down in the said laws, or from which, upon the completion of the expectancy of life of a member as laid down from time to time in the said constitution and laws, such sum shall be paid to himself; 5

(f.) To secure for its members such other advantages as are, from time to time, designated by the constitution and laws of the Society. 10

Head office. **2.** The head office of the Society shall be in the city of Toronto.

Branches. **3.** Subject to the laws of the Society, branches under the names of "grand lodges," "subordinate lodges" or "juvenile lodges," may from time to time be established, under the title designated in the charter granted by the Society constituting such branches; and the officers of each branch already established, and to be hereafter established in Canada, shall be a body corporate and politic subject to the constitution and laws of the Society; but no such branch shall have power to establish benefit funds under paragraphs (d) and (e) of section 1 of this Act; and each of such branches shall be so incorporated under the corporate name of "The Officers of (*giving the title of the branch*);" and, upon being established, and before proceeding to act as such corporation, such branch shall cause to be registered at full length in the registry office of the city, county or registration division within which such branch is established, a declaration signed by the officers of such branch stating the fact of such establishment, the date of the instrument affecting it, the corporate name, and the names in full of the officers thereof. 15 20 25 30

Declaration of formation of branches to be registered.

Power to hold real property. **4.** The value of the real property which the Society of any branch thereof may hold shall not exceed, in the case of the Society one hundred thousand dollars, and in the case of any branch, twenty-five thousand dollars, but in towns having less than six thousand inhabitants the value of such real property shall not, in the case of any one branch, exceed five thousand dollars; and the Society may, by laws, determine the manner in which such real property shall be held and conveyed, subject always to the laws of the province in which such real estate is situate, provided always, that no part of the benefit funds shall be used for such purposes. 35 40

Liability of branches. **5.** The property of each branch only shall be liable for the debts and engagements of such branch.

Investment of funds. **6.** The surplus funds of the Society shall be invested in mortgages which are a first charge on lands held in fee simple in Canada, or in deposits with, or in registered debentures of, loan and investment companies incorporated in Canada, or in debentures of municipal or school corporations in Canada, or in securities of the Dominion of Canada or any province thereof, or shall be deposited in a chartered bank in Canada. 45 50

7. Whenever, under the constitution and laws of the Society any branch becomes dissolved, or the Society at any time revokes the warrant or charter under which the branch is operating, whether such branch is incorporated or not, such dissolution or revocation shall be certified in duplicate by the chief executive officer, and by the secretary of the Society under the seal thereof; one of the said duplicates shall be filed by the Superintendent of Insurance, and the other with the Secretary of State, and this certificate, from the filing thereof with the Secretary of State, shall *ipso facto* operate to dissolve the said branch, and to vest its property, both real and personal, in the chief executive officer and the secretary of the Society, and their successors in office, as trustees for the creditors and persons beneficially entitled, and the surplus, if any, after the liabilities are satisfied, shall vest in the Society to its own use absolutely. Provided, however, that in the case of real estate it shall be sold within seven years after the dissolution of such branch.

When branch dissolved, certificate to be filed.

Real estate to be sold within seven years.

8. Within three months from the passing of this Act, a certified copy of the present constitution and laws of the Society, and its form of beneficiary certificate, shall be deposited with the Secretary of State, and another copy with the Superintendent of Insurance, and copies of any future changes or amendments thereto shall be so deposited within three months from their adoption by the Society, and in default of compliance with any provision of this section the Society shall incur a penalty of ten dollars for each day during which such default continues.

Constitution and laws to be deposited.

9. *The Insurance Act*, except section 43 thereof, shall not apply to the Society.

R.S.C., c. 124,