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**An Act to incorporate the St. Patrick's
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An Act to Incorporate the St. Patrick's Society of Montreal.

WHEREAS Thomas McKenna, Edward McKeown, Denis Downy, Preamble.

W. P. McGuire, J. J. Curran, Patrick O'Meara, M. Cuddihy, Daniel Lyons, P. Jordan, John H. Duggan, F. B. McNamee, O. J. Devlin, A. Brogan, Richard McShane, P. Mullin, J. E. Mullin, B. Devlin,
 5 Wm. Mansfield, M. Doherty and others have, by their petition to the Legislature, represented that the society of which they are members, known as the "St. Patrick's Society of Montreal," has for many years been organized for national and benevolent purposes; And whereas they have prayed by the said Petition that for the better attainment of the
 10 objects of the said Society it may be invested with corporate powers, and by reason of the good effected by the said Society it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said Petition: Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada enacts as follows:

15 **1.** The said Thomas McKenna, Edward McKeown, Denis Downey, W. P. McGuire, J. J. Curran, P. O'Meara, M. Cuddihy, Daniel Lyons, P. Jordan, John H. Duggan, F. B. McNamee, O. J. Devlin, A. Brogan, Richard McShane, P. Mullin, J. E. Mullin, B. Devlin, William Mansfield, M. Doherty and such other persons as now are members of the
 20 said society, or shall hereafter become members thereof under the provisions of this Act and the by-laws made under the authority thereof, shall be, and they are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate by the name of the "Saint Patrick's Society of Montreal," and by that name shall have perpetual succession, and all the powers vested in corporations generally by the Interpretation Act, and shall have power to
 25 purchase, take, receive, hold and enjoy such real estate as may be required for the actual occupation of the said corporation, and to alienate, sell, convey, lease, and otherwise dispose of the same or any part thereof, from time to time, as the occasion may require, and to acquire
 30 other in the stead thereof, and may hold and enjoy any other real and personal estate, or any interest therein by gift, devise or bequest; provided always, that the clear annual income of the real estate held by the corporation at any one time shall not exceed five thousand dollars.

35 **2.** The affairs and business of the said corporation shall be managed by a committee of management, consisting of a President, a first and second Vice-President, a Treasurer, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording and Assistant Recording Secretaries, and eighteen members chosen by the Society, and to be duly elected annually at the annual
 40 meeting of the said Corporation held in conformity to the by-laws thereof, and any five members of the said committee called together by proper authority shall constitute a quorum thereof for the despatch of business.

Certain persons incorporated.

Corporate name and powers.

Officers, &c. of Corporation.

Quorum;

Corporation
may make
By-Laws.

3. It shall be lawful for the said corporation to make by-laws for the admission and expulsion of members and for the proper administration of the affairs of the corporation and to repeal and amend the same from time to time in accordance with the provisions of the by-laws of the corporation in that behalf.

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Not inconsis-
tent with the
Laws of this
Province.

4. The by-laws of the said society, in so far as they are not repugnant to the laws of this Province, shall be the by-laws of the corporation hereby constituted, until they shall be repealed, or altered, as aforesaid.

First officers
of Society.

5. Until others shall be elected according to the by-laws of the said corporation, the present officers of the society shall be those of the cor- 10
poration constituted by this Act, that is to say: Thomas McKenna,
President, Edward McKeown, 1st Vice President, Denis Downy, 2nd
Vice President, W. P. McGuire, Treasurer, J. J. Curran, Correspond-
ing Secretary, Patrick O'Mcara, Recording Secretary and William
Mausfield, Assistant Recording Secretary, P. O'Leary, M. D. and Wil- 15
liam F. Monagan, M. D., Physicians of the said society, and the Rev.
P. Dowd and the clergy of the St. Patrick's Church, Chaplains.

Deeds of Cor-
poration.

6. All deeds signed by the President, Treasurer and the Recording Secretary, and sealed with the common seal of the said corporation, and none other, shall be held to be deeds of the corporation, but the Record- 20
ing Secretary of the said society may receive all moneys payable to the
said corporation and grant valid receipts therefor.

Witnesses.

7. No person otherwise competent to be a witness in any suit, action or prosecution, in which the said corporation may be engaged, shall be deemed incompetent to be such witness by reason of his being or having 25
been a member or officer of the said corporation.

Subscrip-
tions—how to
be collected.

8. All subscriptions of members due to the corporation under any by-law, all penalties incurred under any by-law by any person bound there-
by, and all sums of money due to the corporation, shall be paid to the
Recording Secretary thereof, and in default of payment may be recov- 30
ered in any action brought in the name of the corporation in any court
of competent civil jurisdiction; provided that nothing herein contained
shall prevent any member from withdrawing from the said Society
after payment of all arrears and due notice in writing having been by
such member given of his intention so to withdraw from the said cor- 35
poration in accordance with the by-laws of the said society.

Report to
Governor.

9. The said corporation shall at all times when required so to do by the Governor, or either branch of the Legislature, make a full return of all property, real and personal, held by it, with such details and inform-
ation as may be by the Governor or either branch of the Legislature 40
demanded.

Public Act.

10. This Act shall be deemed a Public Act.