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2nd Session, 6th Parliament, 22 Victoria, 1859.

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An Act to incorporate the Ladies' Protestant
Relief Society of Quebec.

Received and read first time, Tuesday, 22nd
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HON. MR. ALLEYN.

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An Act to incorporate the Ladies' Protestant Relief Society of Quebec.

WHEREAS an Association has existed for several years in the City of Quebec, in this Province, under the name of "The Quebec Ladies' Protestant Relief Society," for the purpose of affording relief and support to the destitute poor in the said City: And whereas, the said Association is composed of the several persons hereinafter mentioned, who have by their Petition represented that their success in carrying out their benevolent projects aforesaid, as well as providing a "Home" for the friendless and unprotected, would be greatly augmented by their legal incorporation, and have prayed that they and their successors may be incorporated under certain regulations and provisions hereinafter mentioned: Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows:

I. Eliza Stewart, Caroline Newton, Mary Ann Bankier, Harriet Newton, Margaret Newton, Louisa Stewart, Ann Sheppard, Jane White, Caroline Gilmour, Mary Chaderton, Sarah Walker Veasey, Myrrha Austin, Lavinia Sewell, Henrietta Blatherwick, Mary Powis, Mary Richardson, Francis Tremain, Gertrude Sewell, Sophy Griffin, Jane Durnford, Matilda Ward, Elizabeth Drum, and Jessy Cradock, and such other persons as shall under the provisions of this Statute become Members of the said Association, shall be and are hereby declared to be a body politic and corporate, in deed and in name, by the name of "*The Ladies' Protestant Home*," and by that name shall have perpetual succession and a common seal, and shall have power from time to time to alter, renew or change such common seal at their pleasure, and shall by the same name from time to time, and at all times hereafter, be able and capable to acquire, hold, possess and enjoy for the purposes of this Act, by purchase, donation, bequest, demise, or otherwise, any moveable property whatsoever, and also any real or immoveable property or estate, lying and being within this Province, and requisite and necessary for their actual use and occupation, and the same to sell, alienate and dispose of as they shall consider for the advantage and interest of the said Corporation, and to purchase and acquire others in their steads; and by the same name shall and may be able and capable in law to sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, answered and be answered unto in all Courts of Law and Equity and places whatsoever, in as large, ample and beneficial a manner as any other body politic or corporate, or as any persons may and can do in any manner whatsoever, and shall have power and authority to make and establish such by-laws, rules and regulations, not being contrary to this Statute or to the laws in force in this Province, as shall be deemed useful or necessary for the interests of the said Corporation, or for the management thereof, and for the admission of members into the said Corporation; and from time to time to alter and amend,

Preamble.

Certain persons incorporated.

Corporate name and powers.

To make By-laws.

General powers.

repeal or change the said by-laws, rules and regulations, or any of them, and shall and may do, execute and perform all and singular other the matters and things relating to the said Corporation and the management thereof, or which shall or may appertain thereto, subject nevertheless to the rules, regulations, stipulations and provisions hereinafter prescribed and established. 5

Annual meeting and its powers, &c.

II. An annual general meeting of the members of the said Corporation shall be held on the third Tuesday of the month of September in each and every year, (or if any such third Tuesday be a holiday, or if the election hereinafter mentioned be not for any cause then had, then on such day as shall be appointed in the manner hereinafter mentioned,) for the annual election of directresses and managers, a secretary and treasurer of the said Society, as to the said Corporation shall seem meet, by and through the majority of such members present at such general meeting, and for the transaction of all such matters and things relating to the affairs of the said Corporation for the year preceding such third Tuesday in the said month of September, and for the adjustment and settlement of the accounts and business of the said Corporation for the said preceding year: Provided always, that the said Corporation, on a requisition signed by not less than five of the members thereof, may at any time, by a notice to be inserted for not less than three days in one or more of the newspapers published in the City of Quebec, call a general meeting of the members of the said Corporation, specifying the hour, day, place and object of the said meeting; and the members of the society or the majority thereof, at any such extraordinary meeting as aforesaid, shall have power and authority to make, revise, alter or rescind any rules, orders and regulations for the management of the said Corporation, after notice of any motion for introducing any new rule, or for any such repeal or alteration shall have been given at the general meeting next immediately preceding that at which such motion shall be made and considered, and to admit new members and to fill up all vacancies which may occur among the said directresses and managers, secretary and treasurer aforesaid, and generally to do and perform all such matters and things as may be conducive to the well-being of the said Corporation. 10
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Provision for special general meeting.

Powers.

Transfer of property and obligations from the Association to the Corporation, and present officers continued, until, &c.

Present By-laws, &c.

To be submitted to a general meeting.

III. All and every the estate and property, real and personal, now belonging to or hereafter to be acquired by the members of the said association as such, and all debts, claims and rights whatsoever due to them in that quality, shall be and are hereby vested in the Corporation hereby established; and the directresses, managers, secretary and treasurer appointed or to be appointed before the first annual general meeting shall be held under the authority of this Act, shall be and continue to be the directresses, managers, secretary and treasurer of the said Corporation, until others in their stead, or the same, shall be elected at such annual general meeting in the manner herein provided; And the by-laws, rules, orders and regulations now made or to be made for the management of the Association herein first mentioned, shall be and continue to be the by-laws, rules, orders and regulations of the said Corporation until altered or repealed in the manner herein provided; and the said by-laws, rules, orders and regulations shall be submitted to the members of the said society for their approval and confirmation, at such first general meeting as aforesaid, at which they may be confirmed, rejected, altered, or amended, or new rules substituted for them, without any previous notice, any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding. 35
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IV. The directresses and managers for the time being shall have power to appoint such officers and servants of the said Corporation as shall be necessary for the well-conducting of the business of the same, and to allow to them such compensation for their services respectively as shall be reasonable and proper; and the said directresses and managers shall be capable of exercising such other powers and authority for the well-governing and ordering of the affairs of the said Corporation, as shall be prescribed by the by-laws, rules, orders and regulations of the said Corporation.

Powers of directresses and managers.

V. Nothing herein contained shall have the effect, or be construed to have the effect, of rendering all or any of the said several persons hereinbefore mentioned, or all or any of the members of the said Corporation, or any person whomsoever, individually liable or accountable for or by reason of any debt, contract or security, incurred or entered into for or by reason of the said Corporation, or for or on account, or in respect of any matter or thing whatsoever relating to the said Corporation.

Members not to be individually liable for debts, &c., of the Corporation.

VI. It shall not be necessary to the validity of any act performed by any married woman, as a member of the said Corporation, or to her becoming such, that she be thereunto specially authorized by her husband; any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Married members need not be authorized by their husbands, &c.

VIII. This Act shall be deemed a Public Act.

Public Act.