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**BILL.**

An Act to incorporate the Girls' Home and  
Public Nursery in the City of Toronto.

**(PRIVATE BILL.)**

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April, 1863.

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1863.

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**Mr. CRAWFORD.**

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**QUEBEC:**

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An Act to incorporate "The Girls' Home and Public Nursery" of the City of Toronto.

**W**HEREAS an institution supported by voluntary contributions has subsisted in the City of Toronto for several years past, called and known as the "The Girls' Home and Public Nursery," the object and purposes of which are the rescue from vice of young girls to the age of fourteen, and the bestowal of careful attention to their religious, moral, and temporal welfare; also, the maintenance and support of children under the age of seven years: and whereas the management of the said institution has hitherto been vested in a committee—consisting of twenty-seven ladies as Directresses and Managers, elected annually; and whereas the said Directresses and Managers interested in the welfare of the said Institution have by their petition represented that the said Institution would be rendered much more efficient by giving it the character of a Corporation: Therefore, Her Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

1. Emily Augusta McCaul, Caroline Watson and Mary S. McMaster, Directresses; Amelia M. Gilmor, Jemima Baldwin, Margaret T. Roaf, Eliza Beatty, Elizabeth Kerr, Amelia Duggan, Anne Duggan, Jane Gillet, Margaret Anne Strachan, Margaret Jane Freeland, Jane Darling, Mary Ellerby, Frances J. Baldwin, Anne Eliza Buell, Mary Jane Simpson, Mary Eliza Cassady, Catherine P. Stow, Janet Morrison, Mary Hope, Frances Hodgins, Maria Gzowski, Marianne Robinson, Sarah Pearson, Anne Louisa Chapman, Managers, and all others who may from time to time be elected to succeed them in manner hereinafter mentioned as Directresses and Managers, shall be and they are hereby nominated and constituted a body politic and corporate by the name and style of "The Girls' Home and Public Nursery" of the City of Toronto.

Preamble.

Certain persons incorporated.

Corporate name.

2. The said corporation shall have perpetual succession, and may have a common seal, with power to change, alter, break and renew the same, when and as often as they shall think proper, and may, under the same name, contract and be contracted, with, sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, prosecute and be prosecuted in all Courts and places whatsoever in this Province, and by the same name they the said Directresses and Managers and their successors, from time to time, and at all times hereafter shall be able and capable to have, take, receive, purchase and acquire, hold, possess, enjoy and maintain to and for the use of the said Corporation, all lands and property, movable and immovable which may hereafter be sold, ceded, exchanged, given, bequeathed or granted to the said Corporation, or to sell, alienate, convey, let or lease the same if need be: Provided that the annual income to be derived from such real property shall not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars. And the said Corporation shall further have the right of appointing an Attorney or Attorneys for the management of its affairs, and

Corporate powers.

Real Estate.

generally shall enjoy all the rights and privileges enjoyed by other bodies politic and corporate recognized by the Legislature, and shall have full power to make and establish such and so many By-laws, orders and regulations (not being contrary to the laws of this Province or to this Act) as they shall deem useful or necessary for the conduct and government of the said Institution : Provided always that no Act done by such Directresses and Managers shall be valid and effectual, unless five of such Directresses or Managers, at the least, shall be present, and the major part of these consenting thereto.

**Annual meetings.** 3. The said Directresses and Managers shall keep or cause to be kept, in a book to be opened for that purpose, a list of all subscribers to the said Institution, and a meeting of the said subscribers shall be held annually on the first Friday in the month of January in each year, except when the said Friday shall be the first day of the year, in which event the said annual meeting shall be held on the Friday next ensuing, (the first of such meetings to be held on Friday, the eighth day of January next) at such hour and place as the Directresses and Managers, for the time being, shall by notice thereof given at least one week beforehand in some newspaper published in the City of Toronto, appoint; and at each such meeting, a report in writing of the affairs and management of the said Institution, and of all moneys received and expended, and of all property movable and immovable then held by the Institution, and also of the number of girls and children received into the institution, and of the number sent out for adoption or to service, shall be exhibited under their proper heads by the Directresses and Managers for the year then past; and at such meeting the persons then present who shall be respectively subscribers of a sum of not less in amount than two dollars annually, or donors at any one time of money to an amount not less than twenty dollars, or of lands to an amount not less in value than one hundred dollars, shall elect from the subscribers or donors of like amounts not fewer than twenty-four fit and proper persons as Managers of the said Institution, and also a first, second and third Directress; And the said Directresses and Managers shall be the governing body of the Institution, and all vacancies which may occur in the interval between the annual meeting, in the number of Directresses and Managers from death, resignation or otherwise, may be filled up at a special meeting of the subscribers called for the purpose by a notice given in a similar manner to that required to be given for the annual meeting: Provided always, that if from any cause such annual or special meeting shall not take place at the time appointed by the notice, such meeting may be called as aforesaid at any subsequent time.

**Powers, &c., of Directresses.** 4. The said Directresses and Managers may send out to service, and bind or apprentice thereto, or to any healthy trade or business, all girls, and may send out to be nursed, supported, educated or adopted, all children having the protection of the said institution, to, by, or with such person or persons, and upon such terms as to the said Directresses and Managers may seem fit and proper, and for such purposes and on behalf of and for such girl or child, and themselves may enter into and make with any persons or person with whom such girl or child may be placed articles of apprenticeship or agreement; and such articles or agreement may be enforced as well by action at law or in equity, as by summary application to a Justice of the Peace (who is hereby empowered to act thereon) under the provisions of chapter seventy-six of the Consolidated Statutes for Upper Canada intituled, "An Act respecting apprentices and minors." And all persons desirous of obtaining any girl or child for the purposes of service or apprenticeship or adoption, shall deposit in the hands of the Treasurer of the said Institution for the benefit

of the said Institution, a sum of money not less in amount than two dollars.

- 5.** The said Directresses and Managers may exercise over and with Protection of respect to the girls or children having the protection of the said Insti- Children.  
**5** tution, such powers as their parents or guardians would have or might exercise.
- 6.** All property which shall at any time belong to the said Institution Application of as well as the revenues thereof, shall at all times be appropriated and revenues. applied exclusively to the object and purposes mentioned in the preamble of this Act.
- 10** **7.** The estate, real and personal of the said Institution when this Act Property of goes into force, or then held in trust for it, shall become the property of Institution the Corporation hereby created, and the Directresses, Managers, Secretary and Treasurer of the said Institution, shall be and continue to be transferred.  
**15** the Directresses, Managers, Secretary and Treasurer of the said Corporation until others shall be elected in their stead; and the By-laws, rules, orders and regulations of the said Institution shall be and continue to be the By-laws, rules, orders and regulations of the said Corporation, until altered or repealed.
- 20** **8.** The said Corporation shall at all times, when required by the Report to Governor, make a full return of all property real and personal held by Governor. it, with such details and other information as the Governor may require.
- 9.** This Act shall be a Public Act. Public Act.