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(PRIVATE BILL.)

1st Session, 4th Parliament, 16 Victoria, 1853.

BILL.

An Act to authorize the Sisters of the Grey Nunnery of Montreal to dispose of property at Point St. Charles, near the City of Montreal.

Received and Read a first time, Friday, 8th April, 1853.

Second Reading, Monday, 11th April, 1853.

Hon. Mr. YOUNG.

QUEBEC:

1852-3.]

BILL.

[No. 336.]

An Act to authorize the Sisters of the Grey Nunnery of Montreal to dispose of certain Property at Point St. Charles, near the City of Montreal.

WHEREAS the Superior and other Members of the community of the Sisters of Charity of the General Hospital at Montreal, known by the name of the Grey Nuns, have petitioned the Legislature with respect to their Farm at Point St. Charles near Montreal, and their property at Pointe à Callieres in the City of Montreal, and it is expedient to grant the prayer of their said Petition; Be it therefore enacted, &c.,

Preamble.

That it shall be lawful for the said Sisters of Charity of the General Hospital of Montreal, to sell or otherwise alienate certain property possessed by them at Point St. Charles, near to the City of Montreal, with all the buildings and dependencies appertaining thereto, that is to say, a lot of land of irregular figure, bounded in front and on one side by the river St. Lawrence, in rear partly by the Religious Ladies of the Hotel Dieu de Montréal, and partly by the Religious Ladies of the Congregation de Notre Dame de Montréal, on the other side by a common, to which property is attached an undivided right in the said common; and to sell or otherwise alienate, at any time, subject to such terms, charges, clauses, and conditions as they shall think proper, the whole or any part of the said property and its dependencies, in block or such portions or extent thereof, or such number of lots or emplacements as they shall deem expedient to partition off, and also to sell or otherwise dispose of their undivided right in the said common, or to arrange with the proper party for obtaining a division of the said common among the proprietors thereof *par indivis* and to sell or otherwise alienate their rights or portion of land in the said common after such division: and to dispose of the same for a certain price or sum of money, or for a constituted rent, or for a redeemable or unredeemable ground rent, or for other lands, and to have and receive the price of such sales or alienations, and the capital sums of the constituted or ground rents, or to leave the whole amount in the hands of the purchasers for any term or terms.

The said Nuns may sell a certain piece of ground, and their share of a certain piece of land held in common.

II. And whereas by an Act passed in the ninth year of Her Majesty's Reign, and chaptered ninety-two, the said Sisters of Cha-

Act 9 Vic. cap. 92 explained.

rity of the General Hospital of Montreal, were authorized to sell or alienate their property and dependencies at Pointe à Callières, in the City of Montreal, for a price or sum of money, or for constituted rents, and doubts have been entertained as to whether they were empowered to sell or alienate them for a ground rent or for other lands; be it therefore enacted, That the said Act shall be understood to give power to the said Sisters of Charity to sell or alienate the whole or any part of their said property at Pointe à Callières, in the same manner as they are hereby empowered to dispose of their property at Point St. Charles, for redeemable or unredeemable ground rents or for other lands.

Power to purchase other property, &c.

III. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Sisters of Charity of the General Hospital of Montreal, to purchase and acquire at any time other real and immoveable property or any constituted or ground rents secured upon real or immoveable property, to the whole amount of the capital, prices or sums of money derived from the sales or alienations of the said properties of Point St. Charles and Pointe à Callières, and to sell or otherwise alienate the immoveable property, lands taken in exchange, constituted and ground rents so acquired, in the manner prescribed by this Act, all laws of Mortmain or other Acts or laws to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Certain statements to be made when required by the Governor.

IV. And be it enacted, That the said Sisters of Charity shall, when they shall be thereunto required by the Governor, or person administering the Government of this Province for the time being, lay before him a Statement of the sales or other alienations, and of the acquisitions they shall have made under the authority of this Act, and of the capital sums of money which they shall have received arising from such sales and alienations by them made under the authority of this Act.