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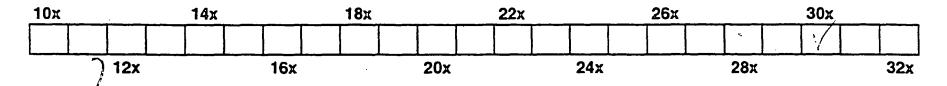
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WHEREAS the Pilots for and above the Harbour of Preamble. Quebec have by their Petition represented the growing importance of their profession, and the necessity which exists that the persons exercising it should be pro-5 perly qualified, both as regards their moral character and education and their professional ability, and have further represented that these objects would be best promoted by their Incorporation and by the other enactments herein made, and it is expedient to grant their prayer: Be it 10 therefore enacted, &c.

And it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, Montreal That there shall be and is hereby constituted, at the City Pilots incorof Montreal, in Lower Canada, a Corporation, to be called, "The Corporation of the Pilots for and above the Harbour

- 15 "of Quebcc," which Corporation shall include and consist of all persons licensed as Pilots for and above the Harbour of Quebec, not suspended or deprived of their branches, and contributing to the Montreal Decayed Pilots' Fund; and such Corporation shall, in addition to the powers by
- 20 Law vested in Corporations, have such others as are hereby assigned to it, subject to the provisions and limitations hereinafter made: Provided always, that the total Proviso. value of the real estate to be held by the said Corporation shall not at any time exceed pounds;
- 25 and the total amount of personal property to be held by it shall not at any time exceed pounds, over and above the amount of the Montreal Decayed Pilots' Fund.

 II. And be it enacted, That the moneys and securities Decayed Pilots' fund
 30 forming the Montreal Decayed Pilots' Fund, shall be and subject to Byare hereby made subject to such general provisions as shall laws of Corpobe from time to time made by the By-laws of the said Corporation; but no such By-law shall appropriate any part of the said fund to any purpose other than those to which
 35 the same may now be appropriated by Law.

III. And be it enacted, That the first meeting of the First meeting, Members of the said Corporation shall be held on the held. first in next, after the passing of this Act, in the City of Montreal, at the 40 place where the sittings of the Trinity House shall then be held, at the hour of in the forenoon, and at such meeting some member then present shall be chosen as Chairman, and some fit person to act as Secretary at such meeting and the Members present shall then elect, by ballot and by majority of votes, (inclu--5 ding that of the Chairman and the Secretary, if a Member,) Members, to be the Council of the Corporation, until the in then next ensuing, and until their successors shall be elected: Provided always, that at the meeting aforesaid 10 no proceeding shall be had unless or until there be at Members present; and if before least o'clock there shall not be Members assembled, the meeting shall then stand adjourned until when a meeting shall be 15 the next again held, and so on from week to week, until the requisite number of Members shall attend and an election shall be had.

General meetings.

IV. And be it enacted, That a general meeting of the 20 Members of the Corporation shall be held on the of in each year, at such place in the said City of Montreal as shall then be appointed by the By-laws of the Corporation as the place at which meetings are to be held; and at such meeting the President of the Corporation for the preceding year (or in his absence 25 the Vice President, or if he be absent, some member. chosen by the members present at the meeting) shall act as Chairman, and the Secretary of the Corporation for the time being (or in his absence his deputy or some other person,) shall act as Secretary; but if there be 30 not members present at such meeting before o'clock in the forenoon, the meeting shall then stand adjourned until the next , when a meeting shall be again held, and so on from week to week until the requisite number of members shall attend 35 and an election shall be had.

May adjourn from time to time.

V. And be it enacted, That the Council of the said Corporation shall have full power to meet and adjourn from time to time, at and to such place in the City of Montreal as to them shall seem meet, until some further 40regulation as to the time and place of their meetings shall be made (as it may be from time to time) by the Bylaws of the Corporation; the first meeting being held at such time and place as shall be appointed by any majority of the Council, who shall give notice in writing of such 45 time and place to the other members of the Council, by causing such notice to be served upon such other members at their respective domiciles by some Bailiff of the said Trinity House, at least days before the time appointed for such first meeting, unless such mem- 50 bers shall in writing acknowledge service of such notice : and at any meeting of the Council, any

members shall be a *quorum*, and any majority of such *quorum* may exercise all the powers of the Council: Provided always, that any number of the members of the Proviso. Council shall have full power to adjourn any meeting 5 thereof, such adjournment being entered on the minutes of the meeting, and not being made within one hour after that which shall have been appointed for the meeting.

VI. And be it enacted, That at the first or some sub-Election of sequent meeting of the Council, the members (being a President.
10 quorum) shall elect a member of the Council to be President and another to be Vice President thereof, and some fit person, not being a member of the Corporation, to be their Secretary and Treasurer :—and the President and Vice President shall hold their offices until the next

- 15 annual meeting of the Corporation, and until another Council shall be elected, but if either of them shall die or cease to be a member of the Corporation before his term of office shall have expired, another may be elected in his stead, the Vice President being eligible as Presi-
- 20 dent: the President shall preside at all meetings of the Council if present, and shall have a casting vote in case of equal division in addition to his vote as member of the Council; in the absence of the President the Vice President shall have like functions and powers, or if both
- 25 be absent any member of the Council who shall be appointed by the others Chairman for the occasion: the Secretary and Treasurer shall keep the minutes of all proceedings of the Council and of all general meetings of the Corporation, and shall have the custody of the
- 30 moneys of the Corporation, and may appoint a Deputy who, being approved by the Council, may in the absence of the Secretary-Treasurer perform his duties or any of them, his duties which may be assigned to him by his deputation.
- 35 VII. And be it enacted, That the said Council shall Council may have power to call general meetings of the Corporation, call general meetings; at such time and in such manner as they may think fit, conforming, nevertheless, to any By-law of the Corporation which may be then in force with regard to the mode 40 of calling the same.

VIII. And be it enacted, That the said Council shall And make Byhave power to make By-laws for any or all of the following laws. purposes, that is to say: the management, regulation, appropriation and disposal of its affairs, property and business,—

45 the government of the Members thereof as such,—the contribution which they shall respectively pay to the funds of the Corporation, so as such contributions shall not exceed per annum for each member,—the regula-

tion of apprentice pilots, including the qualifications and 50 knowledge they must possess, the time they must have served as such, and the particulars of such service, before they can be licensed as Pilots, the examination they must undergo before the Council, and the fee they must pay for their certificate of qualification, and the proof they must make of their having served their time of apprenticeship; such regulations extending, if thought ex- 5 pedient, to requiring that such apprenticeship (or such part thereof as shall elapse after such regulations are made) shall be served under regular notarial articles of agreement; and the number of apprentices which a Pilot shall be allowed to have (such By-laws not affecting appren- 10 tices taken before it shall be in force) and generally for making all such regulations as they may think necessary for ensuring the thorough qualification and competency of all persons thereafter to be licensed as Pilots, and the proper government and instruction of Apprentice Pilots 15 by their Masters,—for defining the cases and conditions in and upon which, and the extent to which, relief shall be afforded out of the Montreal Decayed Pilots' Fund, to distressed and decayed Pilots or the widows and children of such Pilots, by the Corporation of the Trinity House 20 of Montreal, who shall govern themselves accordingly,the remuneration of their Secretary-Treasurer, the security he shall give, the duties he shall perform, the manner of performing them, and the authority upon which he shall pay out any moneys of the Corporation,-for impos- 25 ing penalties, not exceeding in any case pounds for any one offence, on any Member of the Corporation or Apprentice Pilot, or the said Secretary-Treasurer for any contravention of any By-law,—and for repealing, amending or modifying any such By-law as 30 aforesaid: Provided always, that no such By-law shall have force or effect except in so far as it shall not be contrary to the Laws of Lower Canada as modified by this Act, or to any By-law of the Trinity House then in force, nor until it shall have been confirmed by the 35 Trinity House, who may, if they shall think proper, require the said Council to call a general meeting of the Members of the Corporation, for the purpose of obtaining their opinion upon any such By-law, before confirming or refusing to confirm it: and that the said Trinity 40 House shall assign in writing their reasons for refusing to confirm any By-law; and when any By-law shall have been delivered to the Registrar of the said Trinity House for confirmation, then, unless within days thereafter, the refusal of the Trinity House to confirm the same and 45 the reasons for such refusal, be delivered to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Corporation hereby constituted, such By-law shall be held and taken to be confirmed and have force accordingly.

Apprentice Pilots to be examined by Council.

Provise.

IX. And be it enacted, That after the passing of this 50 Act, such apprentice Pilots as shall have been examined before and found qualified by the Council of the Corporation, and shall receive certificates of qualification from

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the Council, and no other persons, shall be licensed as Pilots for and above the harbour of Quebec, or act as such; and in every case where it shall be requisite that a Pilot be reexamined, such reexamination shall be by the said 5 Council and not by any other party.

X. And be it enacted, That all instruments and docu- What shall be ments, bearing the Seal of the Corporation and the signa- acts of Corpoture of the President, (or in his absence, of the Vice President,) and of the Secretary-Treasurer, and no

- 10 other, shall be held to be the acts of the Corporation, or of the Council of the Corporation, as the case may be; and the By-laws and copies thereof shall be attested in like manner, and any copy thereof so attested, shall be deemed authentic and received as evidence of the con-
- 15 tents thereof in all courts and places whatsoever, without proof of such seal or signature, unless impeached as false. (en faux.)

XI. And be it enacted, That all penalties incurred Application of under the By-laws aforesaid, shall belong to the said penalties.

- 20 Corporation, for the uses thereof, and may, as may also all sums of money due to the Corporation, be recovered with costs, by civil action before any Court having jurisdiction in civil matters to the amount, on the oath of any one credible witness; and neither in any such action or in
- 25 any other to which the Corporation may be a party, shall any Member of the Corporation, or the Secretary-Treasurer be incompetent as a witness.

XII. And be it enacted, That the said Council may be Council may de-validly appointed and decide upon any matter of dispute cide differences 30 or difference between Pilots, or between Apprentice and Appren-Pilots and their masters, or between any Pilot and any tice Pilots. other party, which may be referred by the parties interested to their arbitrament and decision, or which being within the jurisdiction of the Trinity House of Montreal 35 shall by them be referred to the said Council,-and the award or decision of any majority of a quorum of the said

Council shall be held to be that of the Council.

XIII. And be it enacted, That the meetings of the said Meetings of Council, and the minutes of the proceedings thereof, Council, etc., 40 shall be open to all Members of the Corporation, and to Members of

all Members of the Trinity House aforesaid, any of whom the Corporamay, at any reasonable time, inspect the said minutes and obtain copies thereof from the Secretary-Treasurer, by paying for the same, attested as aforesaid, at the rate of

45 six pence currency per hundred words, as may also any other party interested therein, upon like terms.

XIV. And be it enacted, That the Interpretation Act Interpretation shall apply to this Act; -- that if the day on which any Act to apply act or thing is or shall be appointed to be done by this B119

Act, or any By-law made under it, shall be a holiday, the same shall be done with like effect on the next day thereafter, not being a holiday;--that the words "Trinity House" in this Act shall mean the Corporation of the Trinity House of Montreal; and that all provisions of the 5 Act passed in the twelfth year of Her Majesty's Reign, 12 Vic. c. 117, and intituled " An Act to repeal a certain Act and Ordi-" nance therein mentioned, relating to the Trinity House of

cited.

" Montreal, and to amend and consolidate the provisions " thereof," or of any other Act, Law, or By-law, which 10 shall be inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, shall be and are hereby repealed.

XV. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be a Public Act. nublic Act.