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An Act to incorporate the Montreal Library Society.

WHEREAS William Henry Hingston and Thomas Walter Jones, Preamble.
 Doctors of Medicine, John William Dawson, Doctor of Laws,
 and Thomas Cramp, Henry Thomas, William E. Phillips, William
 Nivin, Alfred Rimmer, John Leeming, John Greenshields, Wil-
 5 liam Henry, Allan Davies, Alexander Morris and James Ferrier the
 younger, Esquires, have by petition set forth, that there does not exist
 in the City of Montreal any Public Library at all commensurate with
 the literary, scientific and educational wants thereof; that in order to
 the formation and permanent maintenance of such Library, it is neces-
 10 sary that a Society should be incorporated to that end with all needful
 powers for the raising of capital and the acquisition and holding of
 real property and otherwise; and that they are desirous of being so
 incorporated, under the name of "The Montreal Library Society;"
 And whereas it is expedient to grant their prayer; Therefore Her
 15 Majesty, &c., enacts as follows:

I. The said William Henry Hingston, Thomas Walter Jones, John
 William Dawson, Thomas Cramp, Henry Thomas, William E.
 Phillips, William Nivin, Alfred Rimmer, John Leeming, John Green-
 shields, William Henry, Allan Davies, Alexander Morris and James
 20 Ferrier the younger, and all other persons who may by virtue of this
 Act replace or be united with them, shall be and they are hereby con-
 stituted a body politic and corporate, under the name of "The Mon-
 treal Library Society," for the establishing and maintenance of a
 Public Library, in the said City of Montreal, and under the said name
 25 shall have power to acquire for themselves and their successors, under
 any legal title whatever, such real estate as they may require for their
 actual occupation as such Library Society, and may sell and alienate
 any real estate held by them, and acquire other instead thereof for the
 purposes of this Act; and may acquire any other real estate or interest
 30 therein, by gift, devise or bequest if made at least six months before
 the death of the party making the same, and may hold such estate for
 a period of not more than three years, but the same or any part or
 portion thereof or interest therein which may not within the said
 period have been alienated, shall revert to the party from whom the
 35 same was acquired, his heirs or other representatives.

The Petition-
ers and others
incorporated.

Corporate
name and
powers.

Property for
actual use.

Proviso: as to
real estate not
required for
actual use of
the Corpora-
tion.

II. The said Corporation shall have power to administer their affairs
 by such and so many Directors and other officers, and under such
 restrictions as touching their powers and duties, as by By-law in that
 behalf they may from time to time ordain; and they may assign to
 40 any of such officers such remuneration as they may deem requisite.

Administra-
tion of affairs
of Corpora-
tion.

Power to make By-laws for certain purposes.

III. The said Corporation shall have power to make all such By-laws, not contrary to law, as they shall deem expedient, for the government thereof, the maintenance and due regulation of their Library, and of such Museum, Gallery of Art, Reading-room, and other subsidiary undertakings of the like description as they may attach thereto,—the raising of capital by the issue of transferable shares or otherwise, the conditions under which such shares shall be issued, and may be transferred or forfeited,—and the administration of their affairs generally,—and may amend and repeal such By-laws from time to time, observing always, however, such formalities of procedure as by such By-laws may have been prescribed to that end, and generally shall have all needful corporate powers for the purposes of this Act. 5

General purposes.

Revenue to be applied solely to certain purposes.

IV. All the revenues of the said Corporation, from whatever source they may be derived, shall be devoted exclusively to the maintenance of the said Corporation, and of such Library and other subsidiary undertakings thereof as aforesaid, and to the acquisition, improvement and repair of the buildings and other real estate required to that end, and to no other purpose whatever. 15

Corporation may co-operate with other institutions for like purposes.

V. The said Corporation on the one hand, and the University of McGill College, or any other educational or literary or scientific Institution on the other, may at all times enter into and carry out any agreement which they may deem expedient, with a view to co-operation in the care or use of their respective Libraries, Museums, Apparatus, or other Collections, or otherwise to the furtherance of the objects of the said Corporation. 20

To make returns to the Legislature.

VI. The said Corporation shall at all times when thereunto required by the Governor or by either branch of the Legislature, make a full return of its property, real and personal, and of its receipts and expenditure, for such period and with such details and other information as the Governor or either branch of the Legislature may require. 25

Public Act.

VII. This Act shall be deemed a public Act.