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An Act to Incorporate the Art Association of Montreal.

WHEREAS the Right Reverend Francis Fulford, Lord Bishop of Montreal, the Reverend William T. Leach, and William H. A. Davies, Thomas D. King, and John Leeming, Esquires, and others, have by petition set forth, that they and others have lately formed themselves into an Association for the encouragement of the Fine Arts by means of the establishment and maintenance, in so far as may be found practicable, of a Gallery or Galleries of Art, and the establishment of a School of Design, in the City of Montreal, and otherwise; and that they are desirous of being enabled so to carry out the objects of such Association by means of a Charter of Incorporation, under the name of "The Art Association of Montreal;" And whereas, it is expedient to grant their prayer: Therefore, Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows:

- 15 I. The said Francis Fulford, William T. Leach, William H. A. Davies, Thomas D. King and John Leeming, and all other persons who may by virtue of this Act replace or be united with them, shall be and they are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, under the name of "The Art Association of Montreal," for the ends aforesaid; and under the said name may acquire by any legal title whatever, such real estate as they may require for their actual occupation as such Association, 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 therein, by gift, devise or bequest, and may hold such estate for a period of not more than five 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 same was acquired, his heirs or other representatives.
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- 30 II. The Corporation shall have power to administer their affairs by such and so many Councillors 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 any of such officers such remuneration as they may deem requisite.
- 35 I. The Corporation may make all such By-laws, not contrary to law, as they shall deem expedient, for the government thereof,—the maintenance and due regulation of any and every Gallery of Art, School of Design, Museum, Library, Reading Room or other subsidiary undertaking of the like description, which they may find practicable and conducive to the encouragement of the Fine Arts,—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
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Preamble.

The Petitioners and others incorporated.

Corporate-name and powers.

Property for actual use.

Proviso: as to real estate not required for actual use of the Corporation.

Administration of affairs of Corporation.

Power to make By-laws for certain purposes.

General purposes.

to that end; and generally shall have all needful corporate powers for the purposes of this Act.

Revenue to be applied solely to certain purposes.

IV. All the revenues of the Corporation, from whatever source they may be derived, shall be devoted exclusively to the maintenance of the Corporation, and of such undertakings 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.

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

V. The 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 Galleries, Schools, Museums, Apparatus, or other Collections, or otherwise to the furtherance of the objects of the Corporation.

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To make returns to the Legislature.

VI. The 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.

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Public Act.

VII. This Act shall be deemed a public Act.