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An Act to incorporate the St. George's Society of Montreal.

WHEREAS, Robert Hart Hamilton, Esquire, the Honorable George Moffatt, and John Molson, Esquire, and John Dyde, John Jones, Hannibal Hodges Whitney, Henry Bulmer, Thomas Walter Jones, Henry Thomas, and John Lewis, Esquires, and others, by their petition to the Legislature, have, represented that, for many years past, they, and others of English birth or extraction, residents of Montreal, have maintained, by voluntary contributions, a certain Charitable Association, whereof they are members, for the relief of distressed immigrants and others, from England, or of English descent, under the name of "The St. George's Society of Montreal," and have prayed that for the better attainment of the objects of the said Association, the same may be invested with corporate powers; and it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition; Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows:—

Preamble.

I. The said Robert Hart Hamilton, George Moffatt, John Molson, John Dyde, John Jones, Hannibal Hodges Whitney, Henry Bulmer, Thomas Walter Jones, Henry Thomas, and John Lewis, and such other persons as are now members of the said Association, or shall hereafter unite with them, under the provisions of this Act, and the by-laws made under the authority thereof, and their successors, shall be and they are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name of "The St. George's Society of Montreal;" and may, by any legal title, acquire, hold and enjoy any estate whatever, real or personal; and may alienate, lease, or otherwise dispose of the same, or any part thereof, from time to time, and as occasion may require, and other estate, real or personal, may acquire instead thereof; Provided always, that the clear annual value of the real estate held by the Corporation at any one time shall not exceed eight thousand dollars.

Certain persons and their successors incorporated.

Corporate name and powers.

proviso: property limited.

II. Provided always, that the Corporation shall not hold any property except such as shall be derived from the following sources, or purchased with funds derived from the following sources, that is to say: The property of the Association hereby constituted as the said Corporation, the life, annual and other subscriptions of members, donations, bequests, or legacies made to the Corporation, and the moneys arising from fines and forfeitures lawfully imposed by their by-laws; And provided also, that all property and funds presently invested, of the said existing Association, and all sums which may hereafter be received by the Corporation for life subscriptions of members, or from legacies, bequests or donations, amounting to twenty dollars or upwards, not specially made for other purposes, shall constitute the permanent fund of the Corporation, no part of the capital amount of which shall be expended or paid away, but the whole shall from time to time be invested in real or immoveable property (not exceeding the value aforesaid), in bank stock, or Provincial or other securities, and

What property only the Corporation shall hold.

Application of funds restricted to certain purposes.

the rents, interests, or other income arising from such investments, together with the moneys derived from other sources, shall be applied to the defraying of the current expenses of the Corporation, and the relief of persons whom the Corporation may deem proper objects of such relief according to the by-laws of the Corporation then in force, and to the provisions of this Act. 5

Committee of Management, and Members thereof.

III. The affairs and business of the Corporation shall be managed by such Officers and Committees, and under such restrictions as touching the powers and duties of such Officers and Committees, as by by-law in that behalf the Corporation may from time to time ordain; and the Corporation may assign to any of such Officers such remuneration as they may deem requisite. 10

Corporation may make by-laws.

IV. The Corporation may make such by-laws, not contrary to law, as they shall deem expedient, for the administration and government of the Corporation, and of such Asylum, or other Charitable Institutions, as they shall maintain; and may repeal or amend the same from time to time, observing always, however, such formalities as by such by-laws may be prescribed to that end; and generally shall have all the corporate powers necessary to the ends of this Act. 15

How only they may be altered.

Present By-laws continued till altered.

V. The by-laws of the said Association, not being contrary to law, shall be the by-laws of the Corporation hereby constituted, until they shall be repealed or altered as aforesaid. 20

First officers and members of the Committee of Management.

VI. Until others shall be elected according to the by-laws of the Corporation, the present Officers of the Association shall be those of the Corporation. 25

Recovery of money due to the Corporation.

VII. All subscriptions and penalties due to the Corporation under any by-law, may be recovered by suit in the name of the Corporation; but any member may withdraw therefrom at any time, on payment of all amounts by him due to the Corporation, inclusive of his subscription for the year then current. 30

Competency of witnesses where the Corporation is concerned

VIII. No person otherwise competent to be a witness in any suit or prosecution in which the Corporation may be engaged, shall be deemed incompetent to be such witness, by reason of his being or having been a member or officer of the Corporation.

Returns of property, receipts and expenditure, to be made when required.

IX. The Corporation shall at all times, when thereunto required by the Governor, or by either branch of the Legislature, make a full return of their property, real and personal, and of their receipts and expenditure, for such period, and with such details and other information, as the Governor or either branch of the Legislature may require. 35

Public Act,

X. This Act shall be deemed a public Act. 40