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**An Act to incorporate the Montreal Licensed
Victuallers' Protection Society.**

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Atty. Gen. **CARTIER**;

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An Act to incorporate "The Montreal Licensed Victuallers Protection Society."

WHEREAS, J. B. Emond, Thomas Hanly, Thomas Matthews, Frederick Dackus, and J. H. Wilson, have by their petition, represented that the society of which they are members, known as "The Montreal Licensed Victuallers' Protection Society," has for some time been organised, that it has become necessary for the said society to become incorporated in order to protect itself and to assist the Officers of the Excise and Revenue in the putting down of unlicensed dealers in spirituous, vinous, and fermented liquors; and to prevent the unlicensed trader from defrauding the revenue of the province; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

1. The said J. B. Emond, Thomas Hanly, Thomas Matthews, Frederick Dackus and J. H. Wilson, together with all such persons are now members of the said society, or shall hereafter become members thereof under the provisions of this Act and the By-laws made or to be 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 Montreal Licensed Victuallers' Protection Society," and may by that name sue, and be sued, implead, and be impleaded, answer, defend, and be defended, in all Courts of Law and places whatsoever, and by that name they and their successors shall have perpetual succession, and may have a common seal, and may change, alter, or renew the same at pleasure, and shall have the power to purchase, take, receive, hold, and enjoy, such real estate as may be required, and to alienate, sell, convey, lease, or otherwise dispose of the same, or any part thereof, from time to time, and as occasion may require, and to acquire other instead thereof, and be at liberty to hold and enjoy, any other real and personal estate, or any interest therein, by gift, devise, or bequest: Provided always, that the clear annual value, of the real estate held by the Corporation at any one time, shall not exceed five thousand dollars.

2. The affairs and business of the said Corporation, shall be managed by a Committee of management, consisting of a President, two Vice-presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer and eighteen other Members, to be elected annually at a general meeting of the members of the Corporation, held in conformity to the By-laws thereof, and any five members of the said Committee, shall be a quorum for the despatch of business.

3. The Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the said Society, touching the admission and expulsion of members, and for the proper administration of the property and affairs of the Corporation, in so far as they are not repugnant to the laws of this Province, shall be the Constitution, Rules, Regulations and By-laws of the Corporation hereby constituted, until repealed or altered, in accordance with the provisions of the same.

Present officers to continue.

4. Until others shall be elected according to the By-laws of the said Corporation, the present Officers of the Society shall be those of the Corporation constituted by this Act.

Suits for penalties and subscriptions.

5. All subscriptions of members due to the Corporation under any By-law, all penalties incurred under any By-law, by any person bound thereby, and all sums of money due to the Corporation shall be paid to the Treasurer thereof, and in default of payment may be recovered in an action brought in the name of the Corporation in any Court of competent jurisdiction; Provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent any member from withdrawing from the said Society after payment of all arrears, and due notice in writing having been by such member given of his intention so to withdraw from the said Corporation, in accordance with the By-laws of the said Society.

Return to Governor, &c.

6. The said Corporation shall, at all times, when required by the Governor, or either branch of the Legislature, make a full return of all property, real and personal held by it, with such details and information as may be by the Governor, or either branch of the Legislature demanded.

Public Act.

7. This Act shall be deemed a Public Act.