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1st Session, 6th Parliament, 21 Victoria, 1858.

(PRIVATE BILL.)

BILL.

An Act to authorize the Community of the Sisters of Charity of the General Hospital of Montreal known as *Sœurs Grises* to sell or alienate their fiefs and seigniories and other property therein mentioned.

Received and read, first time, Friday, 16th April, 1858.

Second reading, Wednesday, 21st April, 1858.

MR. DORION.

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An Act to authorize the community of the Sisters of Charity of the General Hospital of Montreal known as the *Grey Nuns* to sell or alienate their fiefs and seigniories and other property therein mentioned.

WHEREAS the reverend Sister Superior and other members of the community of the Sisters of Charity of the General Hospital in Montreal, commonly called *Grey Nuns*, and administrators of the property of the poor of the said hospital, have by their petition prayed that an Act may be passed to authorize them to sell and alienate their fiefs and seigniories and other property therein mentioned, and to employ the proceeds of such sale in the acquisition of other real estate, and it is expedient to grant their prayer; Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows:

Preamble.

I. It shall be lawful for the said community of the Sisters of Charity of the General Hospital of Montreal to sell or otherwise alienate all the fiefs and seigniories generally belonging to the said community *à titre de fief ou seigneurie* in Lower Canada, and more particularly the seigniory of Chateauguay with the island of St. Bernard and the islands of La Paix and all the other islands or islets appertaining thereto, the fief Radisson, and generally all islands and islets appertaining to the said community in Lower Canada,—also all mills, water powers, emplacements, lands and tenements whatsoever, with the buildings thereon and their dependencies, belonging to the said community within the limits of any fiefs or seigniories, islands or islets, belonging to the said community, and more particularly in the fiefs, seigniories, islands and islets above mentioned and referred to; also a land held *en censive* belonging to the said community, situated in the village of St. Henri in the island of Montreal, and which has been intersected by railways, with all its dependencies.

The said Grey Nuns empowered to sell certain property.

II. It shall also be lawful for the said community of the Sisters of Charity of the General Hospital of Montreal to make or effect the sale or other alienation of the said fiefs, seigniories, islands or islets, mills, water powers, emplacements, lands and tenements, with all their appurtenances and dependencies, in block or at different times in parcels, for a fixed price or sum of money, or for constituted rents (*rentes constituées*) or redeemable ground rents, or by way of exchange for other lands, and to be paid and receive the price or proceeds of such sales or alienations, and the capital of the constituted or ground rents resulting from such sales or alienations, or to leave the whole or any part thereof in the hands of the purchaser, payable by instalments.

Sales may be made in block or in parcels, &c.

Purchase money may be invested in lands, rents, &c., which may be again sold.

III. It shall be lawful for the said community of the Sisters of Charity of the General Hospital of Montreal to purchase or acquire and hold at any time other immoveable property or constituted or ground rents charged upon real estate or immoveable property, up to the amount of the capital produced by the sale or alienation of the property which they are authorized to sell or alienate by this Act, and to sell or otherwise alienate at any time, in the manner prescribed by this Act, the real property, lands received in exchange, constituted or ground rents so acquired, the laws respecting mortmain or any other Act or law to the contrary notwithstanding. 5 10

Return of property sold, &c., to be made to the Governor when called for.

IV. The said community of the Sisters of Charity of the General Hospital of Montreal, shall, when required so to do by the Governor or person administering the government of this Province, make a report and submit to him a statement of the sales or other alienations, and of the acquisitions which they may have effected in virtue of this Act, and of all sums of money which they have received as and for the principal arising from the sales or alienations which they shall have effected under the authority of this Act. 15

Public Act.

V. This Act shall be deemed to be a public Act.