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**An Act to incorporate the General Hospital
of the District of Richelieu.**

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An Act to incorporate the General Hospital of the District of Richelieu.

WHEREAS certain members of the Clergy, Magistrates, and other inhabitants of the District of Richelieu, have prayed for the Incorporation of an Institution to be located in the Town of Sorel, under the name of the General Hospital of the District of Richelieu ; And whereas urgent reasons have been assigned in support of the prayer thereof:— Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows :

Preamble.

1. From and after the passing of this Act, the Local Council of the Town of Sorel shall appoint one person who, together with the curé and the churchwarden in office of the Parish of St. Pierre de Sorel and their successors for ever, and two other persons, resident within the Town of Sorel, to be appointed by the Governor-in-Council during pleasure, shall be the Trustees of the said Hospital, and shall form and be a body corporate by the name of the General Hospital of the District of Sorel, and as such shall have the usual powers and rights of bodies corporate, and shall have power to acquire and hold such real estate as may be required, and necessary for the actual occupation of the said Hospital, 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 : Provided always, that the said Corporation may acquire any other Real Estate or any interest therein by gift, devise or bequest ; And provided also, that the proceeds of such property as shall have been disposed of during the said period, may be invested in the public securities of the Province, Stocks of Chartered Banks, mortgages, or other approved securities for the use of the said corporation ; And the said corporation also shall and may, from time to time, make such By-laws and Rules for the internal management and regulation of the said Hospital as shall to them seem meet and expedient. Provided always, that such By-laws or Rules shall be laid before the Governor-in-Council within thirty days after the same shall have been so made as aforesaid, and may be by him disallowed within one month thereafter ; and any three of the said Trustees shall form a quorum for the transaction of business ; And provided further, that the term of appointment by the Governor-in-Council of any of the aforesaid Trustees, shall not be for a longer period than three years ; but they shall act as such Trustees until their successors are appointed, and every such Trustee shall be eligible for re-appointment.

Appointment and incorporation of Trustees.

Their Power.

Proviso.

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2. The said Trustees, by the name aforesaid, shall have the power to appoint a Clerk or Secretary and Agent, and to remove him at their pleasure, and to appoint another in the place of the person so removed ; and it shall be the duty of the said Trustees to invest in good and sufficient securities, all moneys which may at any time come into their hands for the use and support of the said Hospital, and from time to

May appoint Secretary or Agent.

Their duties defined.

time, when required so to do by the Governor-in-Council, to render an account in detail of all moneys received by them as such Trustees, specifying the sources from which the same have arisen or been received, and the manner in which the same have been invested and expended, and all such particulars as may be necessary to shew the state of the funds and endowment of the said Hospital; and the said Trustees shall also lay an annual statement of their affairs before both branches of the Legislature within thirty days after the commencement of each Session. 5

May sue and
be sued.

3. The said Trustees, by the name aforesaid, may sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, in all and every the Courts of Law in this Province. 10

Casting vote
of President.

4. The said Trustees shall form a Board who shall proceed, as soon as they are organized, by the election of one of the said Trustees by the said Corporation of the town of Sorel, and the appointment of four other Trustees by the Governor in Council, to name a President of the said Board; and in case of an equal division of votes in the said Board, on any matter or proceeding therein, the said President shall have a casting vote, and his decision shall be final. 15

Medical Staff.

5. The said Trustees may name, constitute and appoint a Medical Staff, to be composed of not more than three licensed Physicians and Surgeons, to attend to the wants of the inmates of the said Hospital, with power to fix the duration of their office, to remove them and appoint others in their stead, and to fix such salary and emoluments as they may deem advisable. 20

Duties of
Secretary.

6. The Clerk or Secretary and Agent of the said Trustees mentioned in the second section of this Act, shall be the Secretary of the Board of Trustees, and shall, in such capacity, be the person on whom all process issuing out of any Court of Law in this Province shall be served, touching and concerning any matters or proceedings relating to the said Hospital, and shall be and is hereby authorized to affix the Seal of the said Corporate Body to any Act or Acts, Deed or Deeds, requiring the same. 25

May dispose
of lands.

7. The said Trustees for the time being shall have power and authority to sell and dispose of any lot or parcel of land which may belong to the said Hospital, and which it may be deemed advantageous to dispose of. 35

Powers to
borrow
money.

8. It shall be lawful for the said Trustees, and they are hereby authorized, from time to time, to borrow, for the purposes of the said Hospital, such sum or sums of money, not exceeding in the whole the sum of five thousand pounds currency, as they may lawfully require for the purposes of the said Hospital, and to issue a Debenture or Debentures, for the raising of such loan in such sum or sums, at such rate of interest, and for such period or periods, as the said Trustees may find expedient, and to hypothecate, for the securing of such loan, any real estate belonging to the said Corporation: Provided always, that no such debenture shall be issued for a longer period than twenty years, or for a sum under one hundred pounds, or bear a higher rate of interest than eight per cent., and that the interest thereon shall be payable half-yearly. 40

Limitation.

9. This Act shall be deemed a Public Act. 45

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