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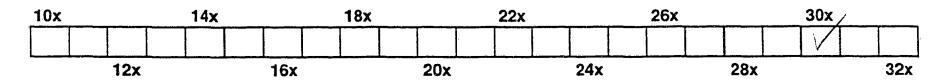
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## BILL.

An Act to incorporate the "Institut Canadien."

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W HEREAS there hath existed at Mon-Preamble. treal for several years, an Association known by the name of the Institut Canadien, founded for the purposes of union, mutual 5 instruction and progress; and for better attaining these purposes the members of the said Association have established a Library and Reading Room, and hold General Meetings every week, at which they discuss by means 10 of lectures, essays and debates, subjects adapted for the diffusion of instruction and the development of useful and practical knowledge among the inhabitants of the City of Montreal and its neighbourhood, and have

- 15 organized within the said Association, Classes of which each is occupied more especially in the study and progress of some of the Sciences and Arts; all which they have done for the benefit of the public generally, and of
- 20 the present and future Members of the Association more particularly; And whereas Vinceslas Paul Wilfred Dorion, the President, and Charles Quevillon, Auguste C. Papineau, Pierre Blanchet, François Pominville, Louis
- 25 Ricard, Charles Bonrdon, Charles Lacroix, and J. B. Edouard Tellièr, the present Officers of the said Association, have in the name and on the behalf of the said *Institut Canadien*, set forth in their petition to the Legis-
- 30 lature, that the said Association possesses a considerable number of books, journals and other things calculated to facilitate the attainment of the objects of the Association, and that a great number of lectures and es-
- 35 says have by its intervention been given to the public; and have further represented that for the more readily and efficiently at-

taining the objects for which the said Association was founded, it is desirable, that it should be incorporated: And whereas it is expedient that the prayer of the Petitioners should be granted, subject nevertheless to 5 the provisions hereinafter made: Be it therefore enacted, &c.

come members of the said Association, and their successors for ever, shall be and are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate by the name of the *Institut Canadien*, and by

that name shall have perpetual succession, 15

revenue of such real property shall not ex-25

rency of this Province, and shall enjoy all such civil rights as are granted by the laws of this Province to other bodies politic or

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and may have a common seal, if they deem it expedient to have one one, which seal they may at their pleasure change, alter or break, and by the said name they may from time to time and at all times, acquire and pos- 20 sess in any manner whatsoever, for them and their successors and for the purposes of the said Corporation, any goods or property real or personal, provided the annual re-

The Officers And it is hereby enacted by the authority of and Members the same, That the said officers and all such ciation incor- other persons as are now or shall hereafter be- 10<sup>-</sup> porated.

Corporate name and powers.

Proviso,

How service of process may be made on the Corporation.

II. And be it enacted, That in all suits and legal proceedings to be brought against the said Corporation, service of process at the domicile of the Recording Secretary of the Corporation, shall be sufficient zervice 35 thereof for all purposes of law.

Officers of the III. And be it enacted, That the Officers <sup>Corporation.</sup> of the said Corporation shall be, a President, a first and second Vice-President, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, 40 an Assistant Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, a Librarian, an Assistant Librarian, and a Managing Committee, consisting of all the Officers of the Corporation and of eight other Members.

IV. And be it enacted, That the said Of- When the offificers of the said Corporation, with the ex- cers shall be

- 5 ception of the eight members associated with them for the purpose of forming the Managing Committee, shall be elected every six months, by a majority of the members present at the meeting on the first Thursday in
- 10 May and November in each year, and sufficient notice shall be given by the Corresponding Secretary eight days before such election; Provided always, that, if the said Proviso. election should not take place on the day here-
- 15 inabove appointed for it, it may be had at any other subsequent regular meeting of the Corporation specially called for this purpose by the President, or in his default, by one of the Vice Presidents then in office.
- 20 V. And be it enacted, That the eight Howand when Members to be associated with the Officers, the other Members of as aforesaid, for the purpose of completing the the Managing Managing Committee of the said Corporation, Committee shall be elected by the four Classes into which ed.
- 25 the Corporation is divided, each Class electing two Members, and one of those elected by each Class, shall go out of office every six months; the Members who shall go out first, shall be determined by lot, and the election shall take
- 30 place at the first meeting in May and November in each year, and shall not take place for any Class which shall not consist of at least fifteen Members, nor at any meeting thereof at which there shall not be at least nine Mem-
- 35 bers present; Provided always, that if the Proviso. said Classes or any of them should fail to make such election at the time above mentioned, the said Corporation shall elect the Members to be associated as aforesaid in order
- 40 to complete the Managing Committee, at some subsequent ordinary meeting.

VI. And be it enacted, That the said Corporation Corporation may for its internal and external may adopt a

and make By- government, and for the management of its Is we. property, adopt such Constitution and make such By-laws, as may be thought proper; and such Constitution shall not be annulled. altered or amended, except at some meeting 5 at which at least sixty members shall be present, and by at least two thirds of the mem-As to amend- bers present at such meeting; and any moments to the tion tending to annul, alter or amend any Arsume. ticle of such Constitution, shall be read at 10 two consecutive meetings and decided upon at the last reading thereof, in addition to a notice of one week which shall be given before the first reading thereof; and no such By-law shall be annulled, altered or amended 15. except at some meeting at which at least thirty Members shall be present, nor until after at least eight days previous notice : Provided always, that neither the said constitution nor the said By-laws shall be repugnant 20 to this Act or to the Laws of this Province.

> VII. And be it enacted, That the Members of the said Corporation, whether they shall have become such before or after the passing of this Act, shall pay an annual contribution 25 to be fixed by the By-laws of the Corporation, which contribution, if not duly paid, may be 'recovered in any Court of civil jurisdiction, in that part of this Province formerly the Province of Lower Canada. 30

VIII. And be it enacted, That the Mem-Members not liable personbers of the said Corporation shall not be ally. personally liable for any debts of the said Corporation.

IX. And be it enacted, That this Act shall 35 Public Act. be held to be a Public Act, and as such shall be judicially noticed by all Judges, Justices of the Peace and others whom it may concern, without being specially pleaded.

Proviso.

Members to pay an annual contribution.