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An Act to incorporate the "*Institut  
Canadien.*"

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**W**HEREAS there hath existed at Mon- Preamble.  
treuil 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 attain-  
ing these purposes the members of the said  
Association have established a Library and  
Reading Room, and hold General M<sup>e</sup>etings  
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 know-  
ledge 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 Asso-  
ciation more particularly; And whereas Vin-  
ceslas Paul Wilfred Dorion, the President,  
and Charles Quevillon, Auguste C. Papineau,  
Pierre Blanchet, Fran<sup>o</sup>is Pominville, Louis  
25 Ricard, Charles Bonrdon, Charles Lacroix,  
and J. B. Edouard Telli<sup>e</sup>r, the present Offi-  
cers of the said Association, have in the name  
and on the behalf of the said *Institut Cana-  
dien*, 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 the provisions hereinafter made: Be it therefore enacted, &c. 5

The Officers and Members of the Association incorporated.

Corporate name and powers.

Proviso.

How service of process may be made on the Corporation.

Officers of the Corporation.

And it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the said officers and all such other persons as are now or shall hereafter become 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 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 possess 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 revenue of such real property shall not exceed the sum of pounds cur- 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 corporate. 30

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 service 35 thereof for all purposes of law.

III. And be it enacted, That the Officers 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 Officers of the said Corporation, with the exception 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 May and November in each year; and sufficient notice shall be given by the Corresponding Secretary eight days before such election; *When the officers shall be elected.* Provided always, that, if the said election should not take place on the day here- *Proviso.* in above 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.

V. And be it enacted, That the eight Members to be associated with the Officers, as aforesaid, for the purpose of completing the Managing Committee of the said Corporation, shall be elected by the four Classes into which *How and when the other Members of the Managing Committee shall be elected.* 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 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- *Proviso.* bers present; Provided always, that if the 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 to complete the Managing Committee, at some subsequent ordinary meeting.

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

and make By-laws.

As to amendments to the same.

Proviso.

Members to pay an annual contribution.

Members not liable personally.

Public Act.

government, and for the management of its 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 at which at least sixty members shall be present, and by at least two thirds of the members present at such meeting; and any motion tending to annul, alter or amend any Article of such Constitution, shall be read at 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 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 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 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.

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

IX. And be it enacted, That this Act shall 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.