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An Act to incorporate the "Melbourne Female Seminary."

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Preamble.

WHEREAS it has been represented to the Legislature of this Province, that divers inhabitants of Melbourne and its vicinity have founded a Seminary at Melbourne, in the District of St. Francis, Lower Canada, for the Education of girls, on liberal and unsectarian principles; and whereas it would greatly conduce to the usefulness of the said Seminary to have the same incorporated; Therefore, Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows:—

Incorporation

1. There shall be and hereby is constituted and established at Melbourne, in the District of Saint Francis, Lower Canada, a body politic and corporate, under the name of "Melbourne Female Seminary," which Corporation shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and twelve Trustees, and shall have perpetual succession to be kept up in the manner hereinafter directed, and shall have a common seal, with power to break, alter, or renew the same, and may contract and be contracted with, sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, in all the Courts of Law in this Province, and shall have power to acquire, hold and alienate moveable and immovable property for the Buildings necessary to carry out the objects of the Institution, and the Land on which they stand; and all the property of the Corporation shall be exclusively devoted to the advancement of Education in the said Seminary.

—Corporate name.

Local Property, &c.

First Trustees

2. The following persons shall be the first Trustees of the said Corporation: Daniel Falloon, William Hoste Webb, Lord Aylmer, John Mackenzie, James Seivright, Thomas Tait, Edward Journeaux, John Hethrington, Thomas Steele, Henry Burnham, Henry Aylmer, and John Hamilton Graham; and one-third of them and their successors in office shall retire at the end of each year after this Act shall go into effect, and shall be replaced by a like number of persons to be annually elected by a majority of the votes of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Trustees remaining in office, and subscribers to the Stock of the Corporation, of not less than twenty-five dollars each, present at any meeting called for that purpose; the outgoing Trustees being eligible to be re-elected.

Succession of Trustees.

Retiring Trustees, how determined.

Power to make By-law

3. The Trustees shall decide by lot, which of their number shall retire at the end of the first and second year, and shall make such regulations touching the time, notices and form of election of the Trustees as may be necessary; and shall have power to make and establish By-Laws (not inconsistent with the Laws of this Province, and possessing no exclusive sectarian character) conducive to the advancement of Education in said Seminary, or to the good government thereof, or relating to the officers or teachers thereof, or to the proper management of the property of the said Corporation.

Appointment
and removal
of President
and other offi-
cers.

4. The Trustees, or any eight of them, shall appoint, and by reason of default, incapacity or immorality, may remove the President, who shall be *ex-officio* Chairman and one of the Trustees; and the President and Trustees (of whom eight shall concur in any appointment or removal) shall appoint and remove for reason of immorality, default or incapacity, the Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and other officers, Teachers, or Agents of the Seminary: And this Act shall be held to take effect from the day of appointing the first President. 5

Statement to
Governor, &c.

5. It shall be the duty of the said Corporation to lay before the Governor of the Province, whenever called upon, a detailed statement of the number of Teachers employed in the various branches of instruction, the number of Scholars in attendance, the course of instruction pursued, and the moveable or immoveable property or Estate held by virtue of the present Act, and of the Revenue arising therefrom. 10

Power to am-
end Act reser-
ved.

6. The present Act shall be altered or amended whenever sufficient cause shall, in the estimation of the Legislature, exist for so doing. 15

Public Act.

7. This Act shall be held to be a Public Act.