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An Act to incorporate "The Catholic "Institute of St. Roch's, Quebec."

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An Act to incorporate The Catholic Institute of St. Roch's, Quebec.

WHEREAS there now exists in the Parish of St. Roch, in the Preamble. City of Quebec, a Library Association under the name of "The "Catholic Institute of St. Roch's Quebec," possessing a Library, giving courses of public lectures, and formed with the praiseworthy 5 object of dispensing among the members of the said Association, a love of study and a taste for useful and interesting knowledge; And whereas the Reverend Messieurs Z. Charest, J. B. Z. Bolduc, and Pierre Légaré, J. B. Martel, Louis Prevost, G. M. Muir, A. D. Riverin, President Vallée, René Pelchat, F. L. Gauvreau, all acting 10 officers of the said Association have, by their petition, prayed to be incorporated in order to the more certain and efficacious attainment of the useful objects for which they have formed an Association; And whereas it is expedient to grant their prayer; Be it therefore enacted, &c.,

15 That the persons above named and all such as now or hereafter Catholic Inshall form part of the said Association, and their successors for ever, stitute of St. shall be and constitute a body politic and corporate, under the Quebec, incorname of "The Catholic Institute of St. Roch's, Quebec," and porated. by that name shall have perpetual succession, may sue and be sued, 20 plead and be impleaded in all Courts of Justice in Lower Canada,

acquire and hold for the purposes of this Act, by purchase, donation, demise, or otherwise any moveable and immoveable property which they shall be empowered to sell, transfer and alienate as they shall consider for the advantage and interest of the said Corporation, and 25 for the purposes thereof; but the immoveable property of the said Corporation shall in no case exceed in value pounds current money of this Province; the said Corporation may have a common seal, which they may change and alter when and so often as they shall think proper, and shall enjoy all the civil rights by the 30 Laws of Lower Canada conferred upon bodies corporate and politic.

II. The officers of the said Corporation shall be, first, an Honorary Officers of the Corporation. President and an Acting President, two Vice Presidents, a Treasurer, a Recording Secretary, two Assistant Recording Secretaries, a Cor-

responding Secretary, a Librarian and two Assistant Librarians. which officers shall have and exercise the powers and privileges which shall be conferred and prescribed by the By-laws of the Corporation to be made as hereinafter provided; secondly, a Board of Directors which shall be composed of all the officers of the 5 said Corporation, and of thirty other members of the said Corporation; which Officers and Directors shall be elected by ballot every year at a General Meeting of the members of the said Corporation, to be held annually on the first Monday in June, notice having been previously given by the Recording Secretary, of the 10 day, hour and place of holding such meeting in at least one newspaper published in the said City of Quebec, and if the first Monday of June shall be a fete d'obligation, the meeting shall then be held on the day following.

Provision in case the Annual Meeting place on the day fixed.

III. If for any cause whatsoever the Annual General Meeting shall 15 not take place on the day hereinbefore fixed, the said Meeting shall does not take take place on such other subsequent day as shall be fixed by the Acting President or one of the Vice Presidents, and notice of the holding of such Meeting shall be given as prescribed in the preceding Section; and the officers of the Board of Directors, shall remain 20 in office until their successors shall be elected by the General Meeting as aforesaid.

First General place.

IV. The first General Meeting which shall take place under Meeting when to take this Act shall be held within three months after the passing thereof; and in case the Annual General Meeting shall not be 25 held at the place and on the day fixed by the second Section of this Act, the said Meeting shall be summoned in the manner prescribed by the third Section of this Act, within a month after the first Monday in June.

Quorum at Meetings.

V. The number of members sufficient to constitute a General 30 Meeting shall be sixty, and the number of members of the Board of Directors sufficient to exercise the powers and privileges of the said Board shall be nine.

Powers of Directors.

VI. The powers and privileges of the Board of Directors shall be, first; to have the direction and administration of the moveable 35 and immoveable property of the said Corporation; secondly, to render every year at the General Meeting to be held for the election of officers and of the Board of Directors, a Report of their proceedings and administration, and to submit a detailed statement of the affairs of the said Corporation; thirdly, to prepare and make the 40 By-laws necessary for the administration and good government of

the Corporation; Provided that the said By-laws shall not be contrary to the provisions of this Act nor to the laws of Lower Canada. and no By-law shall have any effect but from and after the day on which it shall have been approved of at an Annual or Special 5 General Meeting.

VII. Any By-law approved at a General Meeting shall not Formalities to be afterwards repealed, changed, modified, or altered, unless the party be observed in repealing, oc., demanding such repeal, change, modification or alteration shall give a By-law notice in writing under the signature of the Recording Secretary, 10 indicating what By-law, whether in whole or in part, he requires repealed, changed, altered or modified, and the said notice shall be posted up in the Reading Room of the said Corporation for at least one month before the day fixed for taking into consideration the repeal, change, alteration or modification of the said By-Law or part 15 thereof; and no repeal, change, alteration, or modification of a Bylaw or of any part thereof shall take place without the consent of two-thirds of the members of the Corporation then present.

VIII. All questions submitted to the consideration of a General Questions to be determined Meeting or of the Board of Directors shall be decided by the by votes. 20 majority of votes, save and except the repeal, change, alteration or modification as provided in the foregoing Section, and in case of an equal division the President shall have the casting vote.

IX. The Board of Directors may, whenever they shall deem ne- Special Meetcessary, call a Special General Meeting of the members of the Corpo-25 ration, observing the formalities prescribed by second Section of this Act.

X. The service of any summons, copy or legal proceeding to Service of which the said Corporation shall be a party, shall be valid if made at the ordinary domicile of the Recording Secretary of the said 30 Corporation.

XI. None of the members of the said Corporation shall be held Non-responpersonally liable for the debts of the said Corporation.

XII. This Act shall be deemed a Public Act and the Interpreta- Public Act. tion Act shall apply thereto.