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No. 265.

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2nd Session, 7th Parliament, 26 Victoria, 1863.

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BILL.

An Act to incorporate the Lay Association of  
the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in  
connection with the Church of Scotland,  
at Montreal.

PRIVATE BILL.

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**An Act to incorporate the Lay Association of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, at Montreal.**

**WHEREAS** an Association under the name of the Lay Association Preamble.  
of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the  
Church of Scotland, was formed at Montreal in the year of our Lord  
one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, for the purposes of affording  
5 assistance to poor or small congregations of the said Church in the pay-  
ment of their Clergy and in the erection of Churches, and of rendering  
assistance to young men studying the ministry, and of publishing mis-  
sionary records, pamphlets or magazines respecting the Church of  
Scotland and the said Church, and is governed by a constitution which  
10 has received the assent of the Members of the said Association: and  
whereas the said Association have prayed by Petition that they may be  
incorporated, and it is expedient to grant such prayer: Therefore, Her  
Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council  
and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:—

15 **1.** John Greenshields, John Smith, William Edmondstone, Alexander Incorporation  
Morris, W. Christie, G. Templeton, T. A. Gibson, J. Kerigan, Archibald  
Ferguson and John L. Morris, and all other persons who are now or  
shall hereafter, under the provisions of the said constitution of the As-  
sociation become members thereof, are hereby declared to be a body  
20 corporate and politic, by the name of "The Lay Association of the  
Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of  
Scotland, at Montreal," with all the rights and powers, which under Rights and  
the Interpretation Act, vest in a Corporation. powers.

25 **2.** The personal property of the said Association, shall become the Transfer of  
property of the Corporation hereby created, and is vested in such Cor- property:  
poration.

30 **3.** The objects of the Corporation hereby created, are those men- Objects and  
tioned in the Preamble to this Act, and the Constitution already constitution.  
adopted by the said Association, shall remain in force, but may be  
added to, amended or repealed in the manner and subject to the condi-  
tions therein at any time contained.

35 **4.** Until Directors shall be elected, according to the By-laws of the Officers.  
Corporation, the present officers of the Association shall be those of  
the Corporation, but the members of the said Corporation for the time  
being or the majority of them, shall have power to appoint a Board of not Directors.  
less than five nor more than seven Directors or Managers for the admi- Powers.  
40 nistration of the property and affairs of the Corporation; and all of-  
ficers so appointed, shall have the right to exercise such other powers  
and authorities for the due management and administration of the affairs  
of the Corporation, as may be conferred upon them by the By-laws of  
the said Corporation.

**5.** The said Corporation shall at all times when required by the Return to Go-  
Governor, make a full return of all property held by it, with such details vernment.  
and other information as the Governor may require.

45 **6.** This Act shall be deemed a public Act.

Public Act.