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An Act to incorporate the "*Teachers' Association of the District of Quebec.*"

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An Act to incorporate the "*Teachers' Association of the District of Quebec.*"

WHEREAS there hath existed at Que- Preamble,
 bec for several years, an Association
 known by the name of the "*Teachers' Asso-*
ciation of the District of Quebec" founded for
 5 the purposes of union, mutual instruction and
 general progress; and for better attaining
 these purposes the members of the said As-
 sociation have established a Library and
 Reading Room, and hold General Meetings
 10 every two months, at which they discuss by
 means of lectures, essays and debates; sub-
 jects adapted for the diffusion of instruction
 and the development of useful and practical
 knowledge among the inhabitants of the City
 15 of Quebec and its neighbourhood; And where-
 as Benoit Marquette, the President, Félix E.
 Juneau, Secretary, and Antoine Légaré, N.
 Juneau, J. Labranche, Benjamin Blumhart,
 François Fortier, Frs. Toussaint, Antoine
 20 Pâquet, Edouard Lajeunesse, Charles Pâ-
 quet, Théophile Dufresne, F. X. Gilbert,
 Paul Thibodeau, J. Létourneau, Flavien
 Pâquet, Joseph Croteau, Abraham Louvin,
 Edouard Dolbec, Charles Dion, Clément
 25 Cazeau and J. B. Dugal, members of the said
 Association, have in the name and on the
 behalf of the said *Teachers' Association of*
the District of Quebec, set forth in their peti-
 tion to the Legislature, that the said Associa-
 30 tion has been established for the purposes of
 union, mutual instruction and general pro-
 gress, and that a great number of lectures
 and essays have by its intervention been
 given to the public; and have further repre-
 35 sented that for the more readily and efficient-
 ly attaining the objects for which the said
 Association was founded, it is necessary 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.

The offices and members of the Association incorporated.

And it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the said officers and members 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 *Teachers' Association of the District of Quebec*, and by that name shall have perpetual succession, and may have a common seal if they deem it expedient to have one, which seal they may at their pleasure change, or alter, and by the said name they may from time to time and at all times, have, 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 currency 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.

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 Secretary of the Corporation, shall be sufficient service thereof for all purposes of law.

Officers of the Corporation.

III. And be it enacted, That the Officers of the said Corporation shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Librarian, and a Managing Committee consisting of all the Officers of the Corporation and of six other Members.

When the officers shall be elected.

IV. And be it enacted, That the said Officers of the said Corporation, together with the members of the Managing Committee,

shall be elected for one year only by the members of the Society, at the general meeting which shall be held on the first Saturday in September in each year; they may, however, be re-elected with their own consent; sufficient notice shall be given by the Secretary eight days before such election; Proviso. Provided always, that, if the said election should not take place on the day hereinabove appointed for it, it may be had at any other subsequent regular meeting of the said Corporation specially called for this purpose by the President, or in his default, by the Vice President.

15 V. And be it enacted, That the said Corporation may for its internal and external government, and for the management of its property, adopt such Constitution and make such By-laws as may be thought proper; Corporation may adopt a Constitution and make By-laws. and such Constitution shall not be annulled, altered or amended except at some meeting at which at least twenty members shall be present, and by two thirds of the members present at such meeting; and any motion As to amendments to the same. 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 fifteen members shall be present, nor until after at least eight days previous notice: Proviso. 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.

VI. 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, Members to pay an annual contribution.

in that part of this Province formerly the
Province of Lower Canada.

Members not
personally lia-
ble.

VII. And be it enacted, That the Mem-
bers of the said Corporation shall not be
personally liable for any debts of the said 5
Corporation.

Public Act.

VIII. 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 10
it may concern, without being specially
pleaded.