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An Act to incorporate the Canadian  
Order of Odd Fellows in connexion  
with the Manchester Unity.

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An Act to incorporate the Canadian Order of Odd Fellows in connexion with the Manchester Unity.

**W**hereas certain persons have associated themselves in this Province under the name of "The Canadian Order of Odd Fellows in connexion with the Manchester Unity;" And whereas, in addition to the moral objects which the said Order have in view, they are associated for the purpose of maintaining certain Funds for the mutual assistance and benefit of the Members thereof, and of the families of such Members in case of sickness and disability, as also a Special Fund for the maintenance of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Members; And whereas for the general government of the said Order and for the purpose of managing the pecuniary affairs of the same, it is desirable that all Members in connexion with the said Order in the Province of Canada, be incorporated under the name of the "Canadian Order of Odd Fellows in connexion with the Manchester Unity;" Be it therefore enacted &c., as follows:

I: Joseph D. Ridout, Grand Master, Daniel Orris, Deputy Grand Master, John Hart, Corresponding Secretary, James C. Pell, P. G., John Charlesworth, P. G., James Verney, P. G., Thomas Smith, P. G., and Charles Stephenson, P. G., Directors, and A. McLean, and John G. Hawworth, Trustees, of the said Order and their successors in Office, and such and so many other persons and parties as have become or shall become members thereof, shall be and are hereby constituted a Body Politic and Corporate by the said name of "The Canadian Order of Odd Fellows in connexion with the Manchester Unity" and by that name shall and may sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, in all the Courts of Law or Equity whatsoever, and shall have uninterrupted succession and a common Seal which may by them be changed or varied at pleasure.

Incorporation and general corporate powers.

II. It shall and may be lawful for the said Corporation to acquire and hold land and immoveable or real and personal property either for the use of the said Corporation or as security for investments made from time to time of the Surplus Funds of the Order; Provided that the Real Estate to be so held on account of its Surplus Funds shall not at any time exceed in value the sum of ten thousand pounds, or that held on the behalf of the Fund specially devo-

Holding real estate.

Value of real property limited.

ted to the maintenance of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Members, the sum of fifteen thousand pounds or that held for the Subordinate Districts or Lodges five thousand pounds each.

Corporation may appoint managers, &c., and make By-laws for their government.

III. It shall and may be lawful for the said Corporation to appoint such Members thereof as they may think proper, in such manner as they may by their By-Laws provide, and with such powers as they shall by their By-laws assign to them respectively, for the purpose of managing the Funds and Property of the said Corporation, and to revoke such appointments and substitute others in their places as they may think expedient, and to demand and accept such security as they may from time to time deem proper from such parties, or from any officer or officers, appointed by the said Corporation for the performance of their respective duties, and for that purpose to make, obtain and put in execution all such general or special By-laws and Rules as they may think necessary.

On dissolution of a Lodge its property vested in the Corporation.

IV. Upon the dissolution of any District or Lodge of the Corporation, the property held at the time of such dissolution, after the payment of the debts and engagements of such District or Lodge, shall be *ipso facto* vested in the said Order aforesaid, to be by it or by such officer or officers as shall have been or be appointed for the purpose, applied to the Fund specially appropriated to the maintenance of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Members; Provided always, that the property held for and on behalf of each such District or Lodge shall alone be held responsible for the debts and engagements of such District or Lodge.

Proviso.

Appointment of guardians or tutors to children of deceased Members.

V. In case of the death of the Widow of a deceased Member, or in the event of the desertion or neglect of the Child or Children of a deceased Member, by his Widow or other guardian or guardians, it shall and may be lawful for the Judge of the County or Circuit Court, in and for the County or Circuit in which the deceased Member had resided during his life time, on the application of the Officers of the Order with the proper seal of the Corporation there-to attached, to appoint after such notice and proceedings as are now required by Law, such fit and proper person or persons, named by the Corporation, or by the said Judge, guardian or guardians, tutor or tutors of such child or children, subject to the same power and authorities as is by Law now established in the case of Minors in that part of this Province in which the case shall occur; Provided always that in case of neglect by such guardian or guardians, tutor or tutors, or any of them, the same may be from time to time removed by the authority aforesaid, and in such case or in the event of the death of any of said guardians or tutors, others may be appointed in like manner in his or their room and stead.

Proviso

Return to be made to Legislature when required.

VI. The said Order hereby incorporated shall, when required by either of the three branches of the Legislature present a return

shewing the amount of the real or other property held by the Order, and for each of the Districts and Lodges incorporated under the Provisions of this Act, together with the names of the Managers, Officers and Members of such Order, Districts and Lodges respectively.

VII. The said Corporation shall have full power to frame and establish such By-laws, Orders, Rules and Regulations, not being contrary to the Laws of this Province or to the Provisions of this Act, as they shall deem useful and necessary for the general management, conduct and government of the said Order; and from time to time to alter, repeal and change the said By-laws, Orders and Regulations or any of them.

Power to make  
By-laws.

VIII. This Act shall be a Public Act, and shall affect the Order, Districts and Lodges as well in Upper as in Lower Canada.

Public Act.  
Its extent.