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An Act to incorporate L'Association St. Jean Baptiste de Montréal.

HEREAS the President and Members Preamble. of the Association which hath for several years existed at Montreal under the name of L'Association St. Jean Baptiste 5 de Montréal, have by their Petition to the Legislature, represented that the said Association has been formed to afford assistance to such persons in this Province of French extraction whether on the paternal or the 10 maternal side, or who being of any other origin have married persons of French extraction, as may through accidents or other misfortunes, stand in need of the assistance of their fellow citizens, and have prayed that 15 for the better attainment of the objects of the said Association it may be invested with corporate powers; and by reason of the good effected by the said Association, it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said Petition: 20 Be it therefore enacted, &c.

And it is hereby enacted by the authority of Certain perthe same, That the Honorable Joseph sons incorporated as L'As-Bourret, Louis Marchand, E. R. Fabre, sociation St. Pierre Jodoin, Jean Bruneau, Olivier Ber-Jean Baptiste de Montréal. 25 thelet, Ludger Duvernay, R. Trudeau, Joseph Grenier, Joseph Boulanget, Charles Joseph Coursol, Amable Prévost, B. H. Lemoine, G. Peltier, Joseph L. Brault, A. LaRocque, Georges Etienne Cartier, Réné Auguste 30 Richard Hubert, Joseph Féréol Pelletier, J. B. Homier, J. L. Leprohon, F. X. Brazeau, A. Matte, Jules R. Berthelot, L P. Boivin, V. Hudon, Esquires, and such other persons as are now Members of the said Association. 35 or shall hereafter become Members thereof, under the provisions of this Act and the By-

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laws made or in force under the authority thereof, shall be and they are hereby constituted a Body politic and corporate, by the name of L'Association St. Jean Baptiste de Montréal, and shall by that name have per- 5. petual succession and a common seal, with power to change the same at pleasure, and may sue and be sued in all Courts of Law or Equity, and may acquire and hold personal property to any amount, and immova- 10 ble property not exceeding in yearly value, one thousand five hundred pounds currency, and may alienate the same and acquire other such property instead thereof, not exceeding the value aforesaid, and shall have such 15 other powers as may be necessary to carry this Act into effect according to its true intent and meaning; and all property, real and personal, now belonging to the Association aforesaid, or held in trust for the said Asso- 20 ciation, or for the use thereof, shall after the passing of this Act, become the property of the Corporation hereby constituted; and all debts due to and obligations contracted in favour of the said Association, or any officer 25 of the Association or other person acting on behalf thereof, shall from the same time be deemed to be due to, and to have been contracted in favor of the said Corporation; and all debts due from, and obligations con-30 tracted by the said Association, or by any officer or person acting on behalf thereof, shall from the same time be deemed to be due from and to have been contracted by the said Corporation; and all such property, 35 debts and obligations may be sued for, recovered and enforced, by or against the said Corporation.

Sources from which the Property of the Corporation shall be derived and to what uses it shall be applied.

II. Provided always, and be it enacted, That the said Corporation shall have no 40 power to hold any property, nor shall any property be held in trust for them or for their use, except such as shall be derived from the following sources, or purchased with funds derived from such sources, that is to 45

say: the property of the Association hereby transferred to the Corporation, the admission fees of members, which shall in no case exceed two pounds currency each 5 member; the annual subscription of members for the general purposes of the Cor poration, which shall in no case exceed the rate of two pounds per annum; the subscription of members to the Charitable Funds 10 of the Corporation, donations, bequests or legacies made to the said Corporation. and the moneys arising from fines and forfeitures lawfully imposed by the By-laws; And provided always that the property 15 and funds of the said Corporation shall be applied solely to the following purposes, that is to say: to defraying the current expenses of the Corporation for the purposes of its institution, and the relief of persons whom 20 the Corporation may deem proper objects of such relief, according to the By-laws of the Corporation then in force, and to the provisions of this Act.

III. And be it enacted, That the affairs and Affairs of Cor-25 business of the said Corporation shall be managed by managed by a Committee of Management certain officers. consisting of a President, thirteen Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, four Sub-Treasurers, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Se-30 cretary, eight Secretaries, a Marshal, Deputy-Marshal, sixteen Collectors, and twenty-four other members, to be elected annually at a general meeting of the members of the Corporation, held in conformity to the By-laws 35 thereof; and the Committee so elected and appointed shall remain in office until others are elected and appointed in their stead; and any twelve members of the said Committee shall be a quorum for the dispatch of 40 business; and any majority of such quorum may exercise all the powers of the said committee, at all meetings held in accordance with the By-laws of the said Corporation; and the President shall preside at all 45 general meetings and at all meetings of the

said Committee, and in his absence one of the Vice Presidents, or in their absence any member called upon by the majority of members present, and the person so presiding shall only vote in case of an equal division 5 when he shall have a casting vote.

What shall be decds of the Corporation.

IV. And be it enacted. That all deeds sealed with the common seal of the Corporation, and signed by the President or any one of the Vice-Presidents and by any two 10 other members of the Committee of Management, and countersigned by the Treasurer, and none other, shall be held to be deeds of the Corporation: Provided always, that the Treasurer for the time being may receive all 15 moneys payable to the Corporation, and grant valid receipts therefor.

Corporation may make Bylaws.

May divide Montreal into centuries and dicuries.

V. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Corporation to make Bylaws which shall bind the members thereof, 20 and to repeal or amend the same from time to time as may be found expedient: Provided always, that no such By-law shall have force and effect except in so far as it shall not be repugnant to this Act or to the laws 25 of Lower Canada: And provided further, that it shall be lawful for the said Corporation by any such By-law, to divide the City and Parish of Montreal into as many sections as they may deem convenient for the pur-30 poses of the said Association, and to subdivide the members of the said Association residing in such sections, into centuries and décuries and such other sub-divisions as they may think proper; to provide for the election 35 of centurions and décurions in the said sections, and to regulate the duties of and increase or diminish as shall by them be found convenient, the number of the officers What shall be of the said Association; and any copy or 40 extract of any By-laws, signed by the Presilaws of Corpo- dent and countersigned by the Recording Secretary shall be deemed authentic.

authentic copies of Byration.

V. And be it enacted, That the general Meetings of meetings of the said Corporation and all Corporation, &c. to be held meetings of the said Committee of Manage- in conformity ment, shall be held in such manner, after such with By-laws. 5 notice, upon such requisition, at such times, and at such place in the City of Montreal as shall be directed by the By-laws of the Corporation then in force.

VI. And be it enacted, That the By-laws Present By-laws of Asso-10 of the said Association in so far as they may ciation to be not be repugnant to this Act or to the laws By-laws of of Lower Canada, shall be the By-laws of the Corporation hereby constituted until they shall be repealed or altered as aforesaid:

15 Provided always, that no such By-law, whether made before or after the passing of this Act, shall impose any penalty or forfeiture exceeding one pound five shillings currency.

VII. And be it enacted, That the present Officers of As-20 Officers of the said Association shall be the sociation to be Officers of the Corporation until others shall poration until be elected in their stead, at the next annual others elected. general meeting to be held in accordance with the By-laws of the said Corporation.

VIII. And be it enacted, That in all suits What shall be 25 or actions against the said Corporation, ser-vice in actions vice of process at the domicile of the Re-against Corpocording Secretary or of the Treasurer of the ration. Corporation, shall be sufficient service there-30 of for all purposes of law.

IX. And be it enacted, That the members Members of of the said Corporation shall not be personally Corporation not individuliable for any debts of the said Corporation. ally liable.

X. And be it enacted, That this Act shall Public Act. 35 be a Public Act, and as such shall be judicially noticed by all Judges, Justices of the Peace and others whom it may concern without being specially pleaded.