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St. Jean-Baptiste de Montréal.*

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WHEREAS 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
10 extraction whether on the paternal or the
maternal side, or who being of any other
origin have married persons of French ex-
traction, 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 the same, That the Honorable Joseph Bourret, Louis Marchand, E. R. Fabre, Pierre Jodoin, Jean Bruneau, Olivier Berthelet, Ludger Duvernay, R. Trudeau, Joseph
25 Grenier, Joseph Boulanget, Charles Joseph Coursol, Amable Prévost, B. H. Lemoine, G. Peltier, Joseph L. Brault, A. LaRocque, Georges Etienne Cartier, René Auguste
Richard Hubert, Joseph Féréol Pelletier, J.
30 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-

Certain persons incorporated as *L'Association St. Jean Baptiste de Montréal.*

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 perpetual 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 immovable 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 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 Association, 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 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 contracted 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, 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 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

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 member; the annual subscription of members for the general purposes of the Corporation, which shall in no case exceed the rate of two pounds per annum; the subscription of members to the Charitable Funds 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 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 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 business of the said Corporation shall be managed by a Committee of Management consisting of a President, thirteen Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, four Sub-Treasurers, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, 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 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 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 general meetings and at all meetings of the

Affairs of Corporation to be managed by certain officers.

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
deeds 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 By-
laws.

V. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Corporation to make By-laws 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 40 of the said Association; and any copy or extract of any By-laws, signed by the President and countersigned by the Recording Secretary shall be deemed authentic.

May divide
Montreal into
centuries and
décuries.

What shall be
authentic
copies of By-
laws of Corpo-
ration.

V. And be it enacted, That the general meetings of the said Corporation and all meetings of the said Committee of Management, shall be held in such manner, after such
 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.

Meetings of Corporation, &c. to be held in conformity with By-laws.

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

Present By-laws of Association to be By-laws of Corporation.

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

Officers of Association to be those of Corporation until others elected.

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

What shall be a sufficient service in actions against Corporation.

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

Members of Corporation not individually liable.

X. And be it enacted, That this Act shall 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.

Public Act.