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An Act to incorporate the *Canadian
Institute* at Montreal.

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An Act to incorporate the *Canadian Institute* at Montreal.

WHEREAS several persons of different classes, ages and professions, residing in the City of Montreal and elsewhere, have formed a Library and Scientific Association in the said City, under the name of "*The Canadian Institute*," for the purpose of establishing a Library and Reading Room, and of organizing a system of mutual and public instruction by means of lectures and classes; And whereas the persons hereinafter named, officers of the said Association or members thereof, have, by their petition to the Legislature, represented that the said Association was founded originally in the year 1844, for the purpose of procuring for its members and of generally extending instruction in the various branches of sciences, arts and useful knowledge which are necessary and advantageous in the different positions of life, and that the petitioners have moreover represented that the number of members composing the said Association already amounts to that the said Association is in possession of a Library of two thousand volumes; and a Reading Room abundantly provided with newspapers and periodical publications, and that the incorporation of the members of the said Association would insure and increase the advantages which would result therefrom to themselves and to the public, and that they have prayed to be so incorporated; And whereas it is expedient to accede to the prayer of the said petitioners, subject nevertheless to the rules and regulations hereinafter mentioned; Be it therefore enacted, &c.,

20 That Joseph Doutre, C. F. Papineau, L. Ducharme, V. P. W. Dorion, A. Cressé, W. Prevost, A. Tellier, S. Martin, A. A. Dorion, J. G. Barthe, P. Mathieu, J. A. Hawley, R. Lafamme, Joseph Papin, Emery Coderre, J. W. Haldimand, P. R. Lafrenaye, F. Cassidy, Louis Ricard, Eugène L'Ecuyer, C. Loupret, and
 25 all such other persons as now are or shall hereafter become members of the said association by virtue of this Act and of the provisions thereof, shall be and are hereby constituted a Corporation or body politic, with power to sue and be sued under the name of the "*Canadian Institute*," and shall under that name have
 30 perpetual succession and a common seal, with power to change, alter and renew the same; the said Corporation shall also have the right of acquiring and possessing, for the purposes aforesaid,

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immoveable property of the annual value of one thousand pounds currency, and all moveables and personal effects and property whatsoever, with the power to sell and alienate the said moveable and immoveable property, and to purchase others in their stead, and to execute all contracts and to acquire gratuitously within the limits above prescribed; and all moveable property, books, credits and effects belonging to the said Association, at the time of the passing of this Act, shall vest in the said Corporation.

Members to be considered as of full age.

II. And be it enacted, That all the members composing or who shall form part of the said Association, shall be considered as of full age, for the exercise of the rights attached to them in their quality of members of the said Association. 10

Present regulations to remain in force.

III. And be it enacted, That the Constitution or By-laws of the said Association in force at the time of the passing of this Act, shall continue to be the Constitution and By-laws of the said Corporation, until they shall be altered or repealed by the said Corporation who are hereby empowered so to do, and also from time to time as they shall think proper to make any other Constitution or By-laws, and the officers of the said Association who shall be in office at the time of the passing of this Act shall continue to discharge the duties of their respective offices as officers of the said Corporation until others shall be appointed in their stead in conformity with the said Constitution, and By-laws. 15 20

Public Act.

IV. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be a Public Act. 25