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NOTE. *The words and clauses in Italics are amendments made by the Select Committee to whom the Bill was referred.*

WHEREAS an Institution supported by voluntary Preamble.
contributions and by grants from the Legislature,
has long subsisted in the City of Toronto, called and
known as "The House of Industry," the object and pur-
5 poses of which are to provide for the destitute poor of
the said City, and to promote and encourage habits
of honest industry in the young who have sought its
protection; and whereas the management of the said
Institution has hitherto been vested in three Trustees and
10 a Committee selected annually at a public meeting of the
inhabitants of the said City of Toronto; and whereas the
Reverend Henry James Grasett, M.A., Clerk, William
Cauthra Esquire, and John Ewart Esquire, are at present
Trustees of the said Institution and acting in the manage-
15 ment and the government of the same, and whereas the
said Trustees and others interested in the welfare of the
said Institution have by their petition represented that the
said Institution would be rendered much more efficient
by giving to it the character of a Corporation; Be it there-
20 fore enacted, &c.

That the said Henry James Grasett, William Cauthra,
and John James Ewart, together with the Mayor of To-
ronto, for the time being, the Reverend Stephen Lett,
L.L.D., Clerk, the Reverend Alexander Geikie, the Hon.
25 John Elmsley, John Arnold, John Doel, Samuel Spreule,
James William Brent, Peter Paterson, William Mathers,
Edward H. Rutherford and William Mon tague Westma-
cott, and all others who may from time to time be elected
to succeed them, in manner hereinafter mentioned, as
30 Trustees and Managers, shall be and they are hereby
nominated and constituted a body politic or corporate by
the name and style of "The Trustees of the Toronto
House of Industry." Corporate
name.

II. And be it enacted, That the said Corporation shall Corporate
powers.
35 have perpetual succession, and may have a common seal,
with power to change, alter, break and renew the same
when and as often as they shall think proper; and may,
under the same name, contract and be contracted with,
sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, prosecute
40 and be prosecuted, in all Courts and places whatsoever

in this Province ; and that by the same name they the said Trustees and managers, and their successors from time to time and at all times hereafter, shall be able and capable to have, take, receive, purchase and acquire, hold, possess, enjoy and maintain to and for the use of the said Corporation all lands and property movable and immovable which may hereafter be sold, ceded, exchanged, given, bequeathed, or granted to the said Corporation, or to sell, alienate, convey, let or lease the same if need be ; Provided that the annual income to be derived from such property shall not exceed the sum of *three thousand pounds* : and the said Corporation shall further have the right of appointing an attorney or attorneys for the management of its affairs, and generally shall enjoy all the rights and privileges enjoyed by other bodies politic and corporate recognized by the Legislature, and shall have full power to make and establish such and so many By-laws, orders and regulations (not being contrary to the laws of this Province or to this Act) as they shall deem useful or necessary for the conduct and government of the said Institution : Provided always that no act done by such Trustees and Managers shall be valid and effectual unless *seven* of such Trustees or Managers at the least shall be present, and the major part of them consenting thereto.

III. And be it enacted, That the said Trustees and Managers shall keep or cause to be kept in a book to be opened for that purpose, a list of all subscribers to the said institution, and that a meeting of the said subscribers shall be held annually on the second Wednesday in the month of January in each year, (the first of such meetings to be on the second Wednesday in January next) at such time and place as the Trustees and Managers for the time being shall, by notice thereof given in some newspaper published in the City of Toronto, appoint ; and at each such meeting a report in writing of the affairs and management of the said institution, and of all moneys received and expended, and of all property, movable and immovable, then held by the Institution, and also of the numbers of persons received into, or discharged from the house, and of all persons relieved out of the house, under their proper heads, shall be exhibited by the Trustees and Managers for the year then past. And at such meetings, vacancies shall be filled up in the number of Trustees, which may have occurred during the year by resignation, absence for *twelve months* from the City, neglecting to attend to any of the business of the institution for *six* consecutive *months*, when not absent from the City, or death. And also at the same meeting, the persons then present who shall be respectively subscribers of a sum not less than *ten shillings* annually, or donors who shall have contributed at any one time a sum of money not less than *two pound ten shillings*, or shall have given lands to the

value of *twenty-five pounds*, shall elect from the subscribers or donors of like amounts, *twenty-five* fit and proper persons as Managers of the said institution, who with the Trustees shall be the governing body of the institution :

5 Provided always, that if from any cause such meeting shall nor take place at the time aforesaid, such meeting may be called as aforesaid at any subsequent time. Proviso.

IV. And be it enacted, That the said Trustees and Managers shall and may send out to service and appren-
10 tice thereto, or to any healthy trade or business, all youths, male or female, having the protection or aid of the said institution, to such persons or person, and upon such terms, as to the said Trustees and Managers may seem fit and proper, and for that purpose on behalf of, and for
15 such youth and themselves to enter into, and make with any persons or person, with whom such youth may be placed by the said Trustees and Managers, articles of apprenticeship or agreement ; and such articles or agree-
20 ment may be enforced as well by action at law or in equity for breach thereof, warranting any such action, as by summary application to a magistrate or Justice of the Peace, (who is hereby authorised and empowered to act thereon) on any such occasion as would according to
25 the laws of this Province warrant the interference or adjudication of any one or more Justice or Justices of the Peace in disputes or difficulties between masters and apprentices : provided always that a copy of the articles
of indenture apprenticing such youth shall, within three
30 days from the time that such articles of indenture were executed, be lodged with the Clerk of the Common Council of the City of Toronto, who is hereby required to file such copies. Trustees may apprentice out youths receiving the protection of the Institution.

V. And be it enacted, That all property which shall at any time belong to the said institution, as well as the
35 revenues thereof, shall at all times be appropriated and applied exclusively to provide for the destitute poor, and to promote and encourage habits of honest industry in the young, and for no other use or purpose whatsoever. Proviso.

VI. And be it enacted, That the persons now acting
40 as the Committee or Board of Management of the said institution, shall have the like powers, and be considered as Managers of the Corporation for, and until the second Monday in January next, or till such time as Managers shall be appointed as provided for by this act. To what purposes the funds of the Institution may be applied.

45 VII. *And be it enacted, That the said Corporation shall be bound, when required by the Governor, or person administering the Government of this Province for the time being, to render true statements of their receipts and expenditure, and of the real and personal estate held and enjoyed by*
50 *the said Corporation.* Persons now acting considered as managers for the present.

VIII. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be a public Act. Statements to be made when required by the Governor.

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