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2nd Session, 3rd Parliament, 12 Victoria, 1849.

BILL.

An Act to authorize the Religious Community of the *Sœurs Hospitalières de St. Joseph de l'Hotel Dieu de Montréal*, to acquire and hold real and personal property to a certain amount, over and above that now held by them, as well for themselves as for the Poor of the *Hotel Dieu*, on whose behalf they Administer certain Property, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

Received and Read a first time, Tuesday, 13th
February, 1849.

Second Reading, Monday, 19th February, 1849.

Mr. DUMAS.

B I L L .

An Act to authorize the Religious Community of the *Sœurs Hospitalières de St. Joseph de l'Hotel Dieu de Montréal*, to acquire and hold real and personal property to a certain amount, over and above that now held by them, as well for themselves as for the poor of the *Hotel Dieu*, on whose behalf they administer certain Property, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

WHEREAS the Superior, the Assistant, and the other Religious Ladies of the Community of the *Religieuses Sœurs Hospitalières de St. Joseph de l'Hotel Dieu de Montreal*, forming the Council of the said Community, have by their Petition to the Legislature prayed that the said Community may be empowered to acquire and hold, as well on their own behalf as on behalf of the Poor of the *Hotel Dieu*, the property whereof they have administered for more than a Century,—property to a certain amount over and above that which they now hold either on their own behalf or on that of the Poor, for whom they administer the same as aforesaid: And whereas by reason of the great utility of the said Institution, it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said Petitioners: Be it therefore enacted, &c.

And it is hereby enacted, by the authority of the same, that it shall be lawful for the Superior of the said Community and her Successors in office to acquire and take by donation, devise or otherwise, and to hold for the use of the said Community, by the name

The Superior may in the name of the Community acquire property for the Community—

and for the
Poor of the
Hotel Dieu.

of the "*Religieuses Sœurs Hospitalières de St. Joseph de l'Hotel Dieu de Montréal,*" and also to acquire and take by donation, devise or otherwise, and to hold for the use of the Poor of the Hotel Dieu aforesaid, by the name of the "*Religieuses Sœurs Hospitalières de St. Joseph de l'Hotel Dieu de Montreal, Administratrices du bien des Pouvres du dit Hotel Dieu,*" and according to the Rules and Regulations of the said Institution, all 5 and every kind of real property lying in this Province, or *constituts* or *rentes foncières* secured upon such property, and all sums of money in the public funds of the United Kingdom, or secured by Debentures upon 15 the public revenue of this Province, and all other kinds of property whatsoever,—so that the total fixed and permanent revenue arising from such property do not exceed three thousand pounds currency per annum, 20 over and above the property which the said Community shall legally possess and hold for their own use at the time of the passing of this Act,—and so that the fixed and permanent revenue derived there- 25 from do not exceed in the whole five thousand pounds currency per annum, over and above the property which the said Community shall lawfully possess and hold at the time of the passing of this 30 Act, for and on behalf of the Poor of the Hotel Dieu aforesaid,—and to sell and alienate the said property whether acquired before or after the passing of this Act, and whether held for their own use or for the use of 35 the Poor, and to purchase and acquire in the stead and place thereof, any other property of what kind soever; provided the total yearly revenue of the property so possessed at any time by the said Commu- 40 nity for their own use by virtue of this Act, shall not at any time exceed the said sum of three thousand pounds currency, and that the total yearly revenue of the property so possessed at any time by the said Community 45 for the use of the poor aforesaid by virtue

Amount of
property to be
held under this
Act, for the
Community—

and for the
said Poor.

Power to sell,
&c., and ac-
quire other
property.

Amount of
property li-
mited, as
aforesaid.

of this Act, shall not at any time exceed the said sum of five thousand pounds currency; anything in the laws commonly called the Law of Mortmain or in any other law or statute to the contrary notwithstanding.

II. And be it enacted, That the said Community may at any time hereafter sue and be sued in or before any Court of Justice in this Province, by the name of "*Les Religieuses Sœurs Hospitalières de St. Joseph de l'Hôtel Dieu de Montréal,*" with regard to all matters and things relating to or concerning the property or rights belonging to the said Community in their own behalf and for their own use; and by the same name with the addition of the words "*Administratrices du bien des Pauvres de l'Hôtel Dieu,*" with regard to all matters and things relating to or concerning the property or rights now belonging or which may hereafter belong to the Poor of the Hôtel Dieu aforesaid, or be held for their use.

Community
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be sued under
certain names.