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**BILL.**

An Act to incorporate the Lay Association  
of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in  
connection with the Church of Scotland,  
at Montreal.

**PRIVATE BILL.**

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September, 1863.

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**Mr. MORRIS.**

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**QUEBEC:**

PRINTED FOR THE CONTRACTORS, BY HUNTER,  
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**An Act to incorporate the Lay Association of the Presbyterian Church of Canada; in connection with the Church of Scotland, at Montreal.**

**WHEREAS** an Association under the name of the Lay Association Preamble.

of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, was formed at Montreal in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, for the purposes of affording  
 5 assistance to poor or small congregations of the said Church in the payment of their Clergy and in the erection of Churches, and of rendering assistance to young men studying for the ministry, and of publishing missionary records, pamphlets or magazines respecting the Church of Scotland and the said Church, and is governed by a constitution which  
 10 has received the assent of the Members of the said Association: and whereas the said Association have prayed by Petition that they may be incorporated, and it is expedient to grant such prayer: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:—

15 **1.** John Greenshields, John Smith, William Edmonstont, Alexander Morris, W. Christie, G. Templeton, T. A. Gibson, J. Kingan, Archibald Ferguson and John L. Morris, and all other persons who are now or shall hereafter, under the provisions of the said constitution of the Association become members thereof, are hereby declared to be a body  
 20 corporate and politic, by the name of "The Lay Association of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland at Montreal," with all the rights and powers, which under the Interpretation Act, vest in a Corporation. Incorporation Rights and powers.

**2.** The personal property of the said Association, shall become the  
 25 property of the Corporation hereby created, and is vested in such Corporation. Transfer of property.

**3.** The objects of the Corporation hereby created, are those mentioned in the Preamble to this Act, and the Constitution already  
 30 adopted by the said Association shall remain in force, but may be added to, amended or repealed in the manner and subject to the conditions therein at any time contained. Objects and constitution.

**4.** Until Directors shall be elected, according to the By-laws of the Corporation, the present officers of the Association shall be those of the Corporation, but the members of the said Corporation for the time  
 35 being, or the majority of them, shall have power to appoint a Board of not less than five nor more than seven Directors or Managers for the administration of the property and affairs of the Corporation; and all  
 40 officers so appointed, shall have the right to exercise such other powers and authorities for the due management and administration of the affairs of the Corporation, as may be conferred upon them by the By-laws of the said Corporation. Officers. Directors. Powers.

**5.** The said Corporation shall at all times when required by the  
 Governor, make a full return of all property held by it, with such details and other information as the Governor may require. Return to Government.

45 **6.** This Act shall be deemed a public Act.

Public Act.