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of the Berthier Academy.

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**W**HEREAS a Petition has been presented to the Preamble.  
Legislature of this Province by a certain number of  
the principal inhabitants of the Village of Berthier in the Dis-  
trict of Montreal, praying that in order to the well working of  
5 a certain Educational Establishment commenced in the said  
Village and for the greater advantage of Education in their  
locality, certain persons should be incorporated under the  
name of "The Directors of the Berthier Academy"; and  
whereas it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said  
10 Petition, inasmuch as an Act of incorporation would in  
fact be advantageous to the welfare and progress of Edu-  
cation, as well for the said locality in particular as for the  
County in general; Be it therefore enacted, &c.,

And it is hereby enacted, That John McBean, Leopold Certain per-  
sons incor-  
porated.  
Desrosiers, Laurent Ubald Turcotte, Louis Joseph Moll,  
15 Jean François Gilbert Coutu, Narcisse Gauthier, Eugène  
Urgel Piché, and Anselme Douaire Bondy, all of the said  
Village of Berthier, and such other persons as shall under  
the provisions of this Act succeed them in the offices, duties  
and obligations which they shall perform and hold under  
20 this Act, shall be and they are hereby constituted a body  
politic and corporate, in deed and in name, by the name  
of "The Directors of the Berthier Academy;" and shall, name, and  
powers.  
by the same name, from time to time, and at all times  
hereafter, be able and capable to purchase, acquire, hold,  
25 possess, exchange, sell, accept and receive for them and  
their successors, to and for the uses and purposes of the  
said Corporation, any lands, tenements, and hereditaments  
situate in this Province, or any constituted rents in money  
also in this Province not exceeding the value of six hun-  
30 dred pounds currency of net annual revenue or of annual  
rent; and to sell and alienate the same and acquire others  
by any title whatsoever for the same purposes; and they  
shall have full power and authority to make and establish  
such By-laws, rules and regulations as they shall think  
35 proper, for the government of the said Academy, which  
shall not be altered or repealed otherwise than in such  
manner and by such number of votes as they shall have  
decided, in making and establishing the same; and on  
ordinary questions, any majority whatsoever of the mem-  
40 bers of the Corporation assembled at a meeting thereof

and assisted by a Secretary who shall be appointed at a Meeting of the Corporation, and who may be chosen from among the members of the Corporation, or out of the Corporation, shall be entitled to pass resolutions and give decisions, adopt plans and measures and put the same into execution in order to promote and advance Education, for which purpose they are constituted a Corporation as aforesaid: Provided always, That nothing in the aforesaid By-laws, rules and regulations, decisions, plans and measures shall be contrary to this Act nor to the laws in force in this Province.

Rents &c.,  
appropriated.

II. Provided always and be it enacted, That all the rents, revenues, issues and profits whatsoever of the said Corporation shall be appropriated and exclusively applied to the support of the Academy, the welfare of Education, and to the construction, repairing or renting of buildings necessary for the purposes of the Corporation, and in such manner as the members of the Corporation shall judge best to attain the said purposes, which shall not be other than those of Education.

Appointment  
of Attorneys  
&c.

III. And be it enacted, That the members of the said Corporation for the time being or a majority of them in such manner as shall be provided by their By-laws, shall have power to appoint such Attorneys or persons as administrators of the property of the Corporation, and such persons as they shall think proper for the purposes of education and to grant them respectively such salary or remuneration as they shall think proper, and entrust such persons with the duty of teaching, on such charges and conditions and in such form and under such system as they shall deem preferable; and the members of the Corporation may enter into an agreement with the School Commissioners of their School Municipality, and the said Commissioners may under this Act also enter into an agreement with the said members of the Corporation, as to unite their efforts and resources in order to place the Elementary Schools in connection or in relation with the Academy and thus favor Elementary Education.

Corporation  
may form re-  
lation with  
School Com-  
missioners, &c.

Duration of  
membership.

IV. And be it enacted, That the aforesaid members of the Corporation created under this Act, shall act as such during five years to be computed from the day on which the first Meeting of the members of the Corporation shall take place, which Meeting may be called at any time after the passing of this Act, by any two of the above named members, and at such Meeting the Corporation shall choose a President, appoint a Secretary and may pass By-laws as above mentioned; Provided nevertheless, that any member may, even after performing his functions as such for five years, form part of the said Corporation so long as he

Election of  
members in  
place of those  
retiring.

may desire ; and the said Corporation shall always be composed of eight members and no more ; and the members shall, on retiring from office, which they shall in no case do unless they shall have remained in office five years or in case they  
5 shall have permanently left the parish, or in case of their decease, be replaced by others to be elected in such manner as shall be provided for by the By-laws of the said Corporation.

V. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be a public **Public Act.**  
Act.