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An Act to incorporate the Irish Protestant  
Benevolent Society of Quebec.

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An Act to incorporate the Irish Protestant Benevolent Society of Quebec.

**W**HEREAS the persons hereinafter named have, by petition, represented that for many years past, they, and others of Irish birth or extraction, residents of Quebec, have maintained, by voluntary contributions a certain charitable association, whereof they are members, for the relief of distressed immigrants and others from Ireland, or of Irish descent under the name of "The Irish Protestant Benevolent Society of Quebec," and have prayed that for the better attainment of the objects of the said Association, the same may be invested with corporate powers, and it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

Certain persons incorporated

and such other persons as are now members of the said Association, or shall hereafter unite with them, under the provisions of this Act, and the by-laws, made under authority thereof, and their successors, shall be and they are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate by the name of "The Irish Protestant Benevolent Society of Quebec," and may, by any legal title, acquire, hold and enjoy any estate whatever, real or personal, and may alienate, lease or otherwise dispose of the same, or any part thereof, from time to time, and as occasion may require, and other estate real or personal, may acquire instead thereof; Provided always, that the clear annual value of the real estate held by the Corporation at any one time shall not exceed five thousand dollars

2. The Corporation shall not hold any property except such as shall be derived from the following sources, or purchased with funds derived from the following sources that is to say: The property of the Association hereby constituted the said Corporation, the life, annual and other subscriptions of members, donations, bequests or legacies made to the Corporation, and the moneys arising from fines and forfeitures lawfully imposed by their by-laws; and all funds presently invested of the said existing Association, and all sums which may hereafter be received by the Corporation for life subscriptions of members or from legacies, bequests or donations, amounting to twenty dollars or upwards, not specially made for other purposes, shall constitute the permanent fund of the Corporation, no part of the capital amount of which shall be expended or paid away, but the whole shall, from time to time, be invested in real or immovable property (not exceeding the value aforesaid),

in bank stock, or provincial or other securities, and the rents, interests or other income arising from such investments, together with all moneys to be derived from other sources, shall be applied to the defraying of the current expenses of the Corporation, and the relief of such persons as the Corporation may deem proper objects of such relief according 5 to their by-laws then in force, and to the provisions of this Act.

Management  
of affairs.

3. The affairs and business of the Corporation shall be managed by such officers and committees, and under such restrictions as touching the powers and duties of such officers and committees, as by by-laws in that behalf, the Corporation may, from time to time, ordain; and the 10 Corporation may assign to any of such officers such remuneration as they deem requisite.

By-laws of  
Corporation.

4. The Corporation may make such by-laws, not contrary to law, as they shall deem expedient for the administration and government of the Corporation and of such Asylum or other charitable institution as they 15 shall maintain; and may repeal or amend the same, from time to time, observing always, however, such formalities as by such by-laws may be prescribed to that end, and generally shall have all the corporate powers necessary to the ends of this Act.

Existing by-  
laws of Asso-  
ciation.

5. The by-laws of the said Association, not being contrary to law, 20 shall be the by-laws of the Corporation hereby constituted, until they shall be repealed or altered as aforesaid.

Present offi-  
cers.

6. Until others shall be elected according to the by-laws of the Cor- 25 poration, the present officers of the Association shall be those of the Corporation.

Recovery of  
subscriptions,  
penalties, &c.

7. All subscriptions and all penalties due to the Corporation under any by-law, may be recovered by suit in the name of the Corporation; but any member may withdraw therefrom at any time, on payment of all amounts by him due to the Corporation, inclusive of his subscription for 30 the year then current.

Competency  
of witnesses.

8. No person otherwise competent to be a witness in any suit or pro- secution in which the Corporation may be engaged shall be deemed in- competent to be such witness, by reason of his being or having been a member or officer of the Corporation.

Report to Le-  
gislature.

9. The Corporation shall, at all times when thereunto required by 35 the Governor, or by either Branch of the Legislature, make a full return of their property, real and personal, and of their receipts and expendi- ture for each period, and with such detail and other information as the Governor or either Branch of the Legislature may require.

Public Act.

10. This Act shall be deemed a Public Act.

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