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**BILL,**

An Act to incorporate "La Société de  
Colonisation du Bas Canada."

**(PRIVATE BILL).**

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Received and read, first time, Saturday, 4th  
May, 1861.

Second reading, Monday, 6th May, 1861.

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**L'hon. MR. LORANGER.**

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**QUEBEC:**

**PRINTED BY THOMPSON, HUNTER & CO.,  
ST. URSULE STREET.**

An Act to incorporate "La Société de Colonisation du Bas-Canada."

**WHEREAS** a large number of the Citizens of Montreal and of other places have lately united themselves into an association in the said City, and have formed a philanthropic society under the name and style of *La Société de Colonisation du Bas Canada*, the operations of which are to be extended over the whole of that section of the Province, and the object of which is to promote the colonization of the waste lands of Lower Canada by the inhabitants of the country, to prevent the emigration of Canadians to foreign lands, to encourage the return to their country of those who have already emigrated, and to attract to Lower Canada an immigration suitable to its national requirements; and whereas the said society has by its petition, presented by the Honorable Thomas Jean Jacques Loranger, and its Secretary, Louis A. Jette, Esquire, prayed to be incorporated, and it is for the interest of the public that its prayer should be acceded to: Therefore, Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows:

Preamble.

I. The said Society, composed of the Honorable Thomas Jean Jacques Loranger, the Honorable Antoine Aimé Dorion, and the Honorable Pierre J. O. Chauveau, Jean C. Taché, Pierre Beaubien, François P. Pominville, Romuald Trudeau, Louis A. Jetté, Joseph Doutre, Éphrem Hudon, J. M. V. Regnault, Rodolphe Laflamme, Rouer Roy, Charles A. Leblanc, Francis Cassidy, Joseph M. Loranger, Jean Louis Beaudry, Joseph Beaudry, Benjamin H. Lemoine, Alexis Laframboise, Louis O. Loranger, Paul M. Galarneau, Louis Betournay, Louis Belanger, A. Lacoste, Esquires, and others, now members of the said Society, or who may hereafter become members thereof, in virtue of the constitution and of the statutes and by-laws thereof, are hereby constituted a corporation or body politic and corporate, for the purposes mentioned in the preamble of the said Act, under the name and style of "*La Société de Colonisation du Bas Canada*", and the said Corporation shall be invested with all the rights, privileges and powers which, by the common law of the country, belong to all corporations and public bodies, politic and corporate, and amongst others, the power to sue and be sued, in all courts of civil jurisdiction in Lower Canada, and the said Society may acquire, by donation, purchase or otherwise, and hold, in addition to the waste lands mentioned in the seventh section of this Act, lands, tenements and immoveable property of the yearly value of £500 currency for its own use and occupation, and all such books, scientific instruments, cabinets of natural philosophy and of natural history, and all such furniture and other moveable property as they may think fit to acquire, and sell, exchange and alienate such moveable and immoveable property, and acquire other of the same nature in the stead thereof, and may execute all deeds or contracts necessary for that purpose, and the title to such property shall be vested in and belong to the said corporation for all purposes whatsoever.

Society constituted.

Corporate name and powers.

Property of  
association  
transferred to  
corporation.

II. The lists of subscriptions to the said association, and all property in their possession when this Act goes into force, shall become the property of the said corporation, who may collect all sums of money whatsoever, either by the subscriptions of its members or by gifts or donations, or by any other means whatsoever in harmony with the objects of its foundation, and dispose thereof for the purposes for which it was incorporated.

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Constitution,  
etc., to remain  
in force.

III. The constitution, statutes and by-laws prepared and passed by the said Society shall remain in force, and such constitution, statutes and by-laws may be amended, amplified, modified and repealed in the manner provided at their original adoption, and the officers of the said Society shall be those appointed by the said statutes and by-laws.

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Existing so-  
cieties may  
affiliate.

Any colonization Society now in existence may affiliate itself to the said Society upon the terms and conditions indicated by the Constitution mentioned in the next preceding section, and so soon as such affiliation shall have been effected such affiliated Society shall form part of and become one with the present Corporation.

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Branch socie-  
ties.

The Branch Societies formed or to be formed in virtue of Articles 8 and 9 of the said Constitution, and which shall incorporate themselves with the parent Society, shall also form part of the said Corporation, and the relations between the parent Society and the Branch Societies shall be those provided by Articles 10, 11, 12 and 13 of the said Constitution.

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Society to  
grant assist-  
ance to set-  
tlers.

With the view of fulfilling the purposes for which the said Society was founded, the pecuniary assistance at their disposal shall be distributed to settlers in the manner provided by the said Statutes and By-Laws, and to attain more effectually one of the objects of the said Society and of this incorporation, the said Society may grant to settlers such assistance as they may consider suitable, either by a free grant, or by the sale at nominal prices and on long terms of payment of waste lands situated in the Townships of Lower Canada in the manner to be provided by By-laws which the said Society may pass for that purpose.

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Society may  
purchase  
lands.

VI. The said Society may purchase at public or by private sale, from the Department of Crown Lands, and hold any extent of waste and unconceded lands situated in the Townships of Lower Canada, which it may be within the limits of their resources to purchase, and shall dispose thereof for the benefit of settlers in such manner as shall be provided by similar By-laws, which they may make for that purpose.

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Statement to  
the Governor  
when requir-  
ed.

VII. It shall be the duty of the said Corporation to present to the Governor whenever required so to do, a detailed statement of the money and moveable and immoveable properties held by them in virtue of this Act, of the revenue arising therefrom, and of their receipts and expenditure.

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Public Act.

VIII. This Act shall be deemed a public Act, and the Interpretation Act shall apply thereto.

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