



CHAPTER 122

An Act to change the act incorporating *L'Action Sociale Catholique*

[Assented to, the 22nd of June, 1940]

WHEREAS the corporation known under the name ^{Preamble.} of *L'Action Sociale Catholique* has, by its petition, represented:

That it was incorporated by the act 8 Edward VII, chapter 132, sanctioned on the 14th of April, 1908;

That, since that date, the corporation has developed considerably and has multiplied its works established for religious, educational and charitable purposes;

That it is expedient to specify its objects and means of action, and to better define its rights and privileges;

That, to better fulfill its purposes, the corporation needs more ample powers, and it is expedient to amend certain provisions which restrict its power to acquire and possess immoveables, and to borrow, especially by way of bonds;

That this petition is made with the approval of the His Eminence the Cardinal Archbishop of Quebec;

Whereas it has prayed for the passing of an act with respect to the above; and

Whereas it is expedient to grant the prayer contained in the said petition;

Therefore, His Majesty, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of Quebec, enacts as follows:

8 Ed., VII,
c. 132, s. 3, is replaced by the following:

Objects. “**3.** The object of the corporation is to labour for the promotion of Catholic social progress, and to that end to unite minds and wills in a common effort, to group together the Catholic social works already in existence and to create new ones; to promote and encourage works in connection with propagandism, associations for study, conferences, congresses and associations of a nature to foster the sense of Catholic life; to promote the diffusion of good and sound literature.”.

8 Ed. VII,
c. 132, s. 4, replaced. **2.** Section 4 of the said act is replaced by the following:

Means of action. “**4.** Its means of action shall be the establishment, organization and direction of associations of a religious, economical or social order; the organization and direction of associations for study, conferences and congresses; propagandism by word of mouth, by writings and by radio; undertakings connected with printing and book-selling.”.

8 Ed. VII,
c. 132, s. 5, replaced. **3.** Section 5 of the said act is replaced by the following:

Powers. “**5.** The corporation shall have perpetual succession and may:

- a. have a common seal which it may change at will;
- b. appear before the courts as any person may do;
- c. receive, acquire and hold moveable or immoveable property under any legal title, by purchase, lease, gift, will, legacy or otherwise; to collect the revenue therefrom; lease, sell, exchange, transfer, alienate or otherwise dispose of the same, provided the value of the immoveables held by the corporation shall not exceed five hundred thousand dollars;
- d. accept gifts of moveable property, made to the corporation by deed under private signature, and assume towards the donors the engagements and obligations deemed proper;
- e. raise loans on the credit of the corporation, in any manner recognized by law;

f. issue bonds or other securities of the corporation and give them in guarantee or sell them for the prices and sums deemed proper;

g. hypothecate, mortgage or pledge the moveable or immoveable properties, present or future, of the corporation, to ensure the payment of such obligations or other securities, or give a part only of these guarantees for the same purposes; and constitute the hypothec, mortgage or pledge mentioned in this subparagraph, by trust deed, according to chapter 227 of the Revised Statutes of 1925, or in any other manner;

h. hypothecate or mortgage the immoveables or pledge or otherwise affect with any charge whatsoever the moveable properties of the corporation, or give these different kinds of guarantees, to ensure the payment of loans raised otherwise than by the issue of bonds, as well as the payment or execution of the other debts, contracts and engagements of the corporation;

i. collect from its members subscriptions and assessments;

j. found, organize and maintain regional, parochial, public and circulating libraries;

k. organize and direct associations for study, conferences and congresses;

l. establish, in other places in the Province of Quebec, committees, clubs, offices, agencies and branches of the corporation;

m. and, generally, exercise all the powers pertaining to ordinary civil corporations, together with such powers as may aid the corporation to attain its end and promote the utilization of its means of action and the carrying out of its undertakings and especially those mentioned in section 4 of this act."

4. Section 6 of the said act is replaced by the following:

s Ed. VII,
c. 132, s. 6,
replaced.

"6. The management and general administration of the corporation shall be vested in a permanent central committee, composed of the number of members fixed by the by-laws.

Central committee.

The permanent central committee as well as every meeting of the members of the corporation shall be presided over by a general manager, and in his absence by an assistant-manager.

Idem.

Acts of corporation.

Every act of the corporation, in the exercise and within the limits of the powers conferred upon it by this act, may be decided by a mere resolution of the permanent central committee, and done by any person authorized for that purpose by the said committee.”.

Coming into force.

5. This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction.
