



CHAPTER 131

An Act to amend the charter of *Les Petites Sœurs Francis-
caines de Marie*

[Assented to, the 12th of April, 1938]

WHEREAS the corporation known as "*Les Petites Sœurs Francis-
caines de Marie*" has, by its petition, represented:

That it was incorporated by the act 61 Victoria, chapter 90, assented to on the 15th of January, 1898;

That it has established in the parish of St. Peter and St. Paul, called Baie St. Paul, in the county of Charlevoix, where the corporate seat of the corporation is situated, an asylum commonly called Hospice St. Anne, wherein are sheltered and hospitalized a large number of persons incapable of providing for their subsistence and suffering from physical or mental infirmities, who can neither be liberated nor placed in ordinary hospices;

That, to meet the requirements of such work, constructions of considerable size have been erected, and that in the absence of public services the corporation has been obliged to provide such constructions with fire protection and with water, electricity and sewerage services, at its own expense;

That the said electricity service, authorized under its original charter, was established by the corporation and operated under the name of "*La Cie Electrique de la Baie Saint-Paul*";

That it is just that such social utility work be exempt from all public impositions;

That it is also expedient, for the proper administration of its affairs, to specify the extent of its corporate powers

and to remove all doubts relative to certain acquisitions of property made otherwise than under its corporate name;

That this petition is made with the approval of the Ordinary of the diocese of Chicoutimi; 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:

61 Vict., c. 90,
s. 2, replaced.

Powers, etc.,
of corpora-
tion.

1. Section 2 of the act 61 Victoria, chapter 90, is replaced by the following:

“2. The corporation shall have the powers, rights and privileges pertaining to ordinary civil corporations, and it may:

a. Have a common seal and alter it at will;

b. Accept, acquire and possess, according to law, rights, moveables and immoveables, provided the annual revenue from the immoveables belonging to the corporation and possessed by it, for revenue purposes, does not exceed one hundred thousand dollars;

c. Appear before the courts;

d. Administer such property and draw the revenues thereof, rent, sell, exchange, cede and alienate the same in any way whatsoever, or otherwise dispose of same;

e. Borrow money on the credit of the corporation;

f. Issue bonds or other securities of the corporation and give the same in guarantee or sell them at the price and amount considered advisable;

g. Hypothecate, mortgage or pledge the moveables or immoveables, present or future, of the corporation, to assure the payment of such bonds or other securities, or give a part only of these guarantees for the same object; and constitute the hypothec, mortgage or pledge, mentioned in this sub-paragraph, by a deed of trust in accordance with the provisions of chapter 227 of the Revised Statutes, 1925, and its amendments, or in any other way;

h. Hypothecate or mortgage the immoveables, or pledge or otherwise affect the moveables of the corporation, or give all such guarantees, to secure the payment of loans made otherwise than by bond issue, as well as the payment or execution of other debts, contracts or undertakings of the corporation.”

2. Section 7 of the said act is replaced by the following: 61 Viet., c. 90, s. 7, replaced.

“**7.** Any act of the corporation in the exercise of the powers conferred upon it by this act may be decided by a mere resolution of its council and effected by any person authorized for such purpose by the said council.” Effecting of acts.

3. Section 12 of the said act is replaced by the following: 61 Viet., c. 90, s. 12, replaced.

“**12.** The immoveables now possessed by the corporation for its own purposes in the municipalities of the village of Baie St. Paul, of the parish of St. Pierre and St. Paul de la Baie St. Paul, and of Rivière du Gouffre, in the county of Charlevoix, are and shall be exempt from any tax or contribution for municipal and school purposes, and from any assessment for the erection or repair of churches, presbyteries and cemeteries, as if such immoveables were not comprised within the limits of such municipalities.” Immoveables exempted from taxation.

4. In lieu of the municipal and school taxes and contributions affecting the immoveables exempted from taxation by this act, and in order to discharge its proportion of the debts of the municipalities and school boards, the corporation shall pay, within ninety days from the sanction of this act, the following sums, to wit: Payments in lieu of taxation.

To the corporation of the village of Baie St. Paul, in the county of Charlevoix, the sum of eight thousand dollars;

To the school commissioners of the said village, the sum of five thousand dollars;

To the corporation of the parish of St. Pierre and St. Paul de la Baie St. Paul, in the county of Charlevoix, the sum of fifteen hundred dollars;

To the school commissioners of the said parish, the sum of one thousand dollars;

To the corporation of Rivière du Gouffre, in the county of Charlevoix, the sum of fifty dollars.

5. This act shall not have the effect of freeing the corporation from paying the assessments for the construction or repair of churches, presbyteries and cemeteries, imposed before the coming into force of this act, nor shall this act affect the immoveables which the corporation may hereafter acquire in the said municipalities. Rights, etc., safeguarded.

6. Any act of the corporation done in the past in the manner contemplated in section 2 of the present act is hereby validated and confirmed. Validation of previous acts.

Validation of
certain ac-
quisitions.

7. Any acquisition hitherto made under the name *La Compagnie Electrique de la Baie Saint-Paul* or *La Compagnie Electrique de la Baie Saint-Paul Enrg.* or The Institute or Community of *Les Petites Sœurs Franciscaines de Marie*, is hereby ratified and validated and the corporation is declared to be owner of the property so acquired.

Filing of
declaration.

In order to give effect to this section, a declaration shall be filed with the registrar of the registration division of Charlevoix No. 2, and with the secretary-treasurer of each municipality concerned, containing the description of the immoveables and real rights so possessed by the corporation and citing the present act to avail as a title of ratification.

Coming into
force.

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