



CHAPTER 136

An Act to amend the charter of *Les Religieuses Sœurs Hospitalières de Saint-Joseph de l'Hôtel-Dieu de Montréal*

[Assented to, the 14th of April, 1937]

WHEREAS the community of *Les Religieuses Sœurs Hospitalières de Saint-Joseph de l'Hôtel-Dieu de Montréal* has, by its petition represented: Preamble.

That by Royal Charter, issued in the month of April, 1669, by Louis XIV, King of France and Navarre, *Les Religieuses Hospitalières de Saint-Joseph de l'Hôtel-Dieu de Montréal*, then installed in a hospital established on the island of Montreal a few years before, were duly confirmed in their establishment and duly incorporated as a community;

Whereas the said corporation still existed at the cession of Canada and was continued and duly recognized by competent authority;

Whereas, by the act of the Province of Canada, 12 Victoria, chapter 139, it was enacted that the superior of the said community and her successors in office may acquire and possess property for the use of the said community, under the name of *Les Religieuses Sœurs Hospitalières de Saint-Joseph de l'Hôtel-Dieu de Montréal*, and also acquire and possess property for the use of the poor of the said *Hôtel-Dieu*, under the name of *Les Religieuses Sœurs Hospitalières de Saint-Joseph de l'Hôtel-Dieu de Montréal, administratrices du bien des pauvres du dit Hôtel-Dieu*, and according to the rules and regulations of the said institution, and may also sell and alienate the said property, both that then

possessed by it and that which it might possess in the future, for itself as well as for the said poor, the whole in conformity with the said act;

Whereas, by the act 18 George V, chapter 132, the said community obtained power to borrow money on the credit of the community, by means of issuing bonds;

Whereas the said community of *Les Religieuses Sœurs Hospitalières de Saint-Joseph de l'Hôtel-Dieu de Montréal*, as its name indicates, was established to attend to the sick in the hospitals;

Whereas, since its founding, the said community has always so continued to receive sick in its establishment, known by the name of Hôtel-Dieu Hospital of Montreal, and it is expedient to define its powers with reference to the proper functioning of its establishment as a hospital;

Whereas the said community has prayed that an act be passed for the above purposes and it is expedient to grant such prayer;

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

12 Vict.,
(Canada),
c. 139, s.
IIIa, added.

1. The act of the Province of Canada, 12 Victoria, chapter 139, is amended by adding after section III, as replaced by the act 18 George V, chapter 132, section 2, the following section;

Powers of
the commu-
nity.

"IIIa. The community, by the name of *Les Religieuses Sœurs Hospitalières de Saint-Joseph de l'Hôtel-Dieu de Montréal*, possesses and shall continue to possess hereafter all the powers necessary or useful for the government and proper functioning of hospitals generally and, without restricting the extent of its general powers, the community may:

a. Admit into its establishment sick persons as indigent patients, subject to the restrictions and rules now or which may be fixed by the by-laws of the said community;

b. Receive, attend and board, for a remuneration or gratuitously, infirm, poor and indigent sick persons, in accordance with the rules which now are or may be fixed by the said by-laws;

c. Promote surgical and medical science, establish and develop clinical laboratories for scientific experiment and research;

d. Coöperate with any other corporation in the establishing and developing of such clinical laboratories, of scientific experiment and research; do vivisection, practise dissection and perform autopsy on a corpse, in conformity, in all cases, with the Study of Anatomy Act (Revised Statutes, 1925, chapter 212), for the instruction of surgeons and physicians and to determine the real cause of death;

e. Train nurses and mothers' aids, and grant them certificates of qualification as such, according to law;

f. Make, repeal or amend by-laws not contrary to law, nor inconsistent with the provisions of this act, for the administration, control and government of its establishment;

g. Enter into agreements with the members of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of the Province of Quebec and with the authorities of Montreal University, for the forming of a medical board attached to the said hospital."

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

