



CHAPTER 139

An Act to incorporate the Order Sons of Italy in Canada

[Assented to, the 20th of May, 1937]

WHEREAS the persons hereinafter named have, Preamble.
by their petition, prayed that they be incorporated as a mutual benefit association under the name of "Order Sons of Italy in Canada"; and

Whereas it is expedient to grant 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:

1. Alfred D. Sebastiani, industrialist; Silvio W. Incorporation.
Narizzano, industrialist; Andrea D. Iannuzzi, publisher; Teodoro Pizzagalli, industrialist; Enrico Pasquale, industrialist; Camillo Vetterre, publisher; Paolo Facella, insurance broker; Gustavo D'Errico, clerk; Emilio Russo, clerk; Mariano Pierpaoli, tailor; Nicola Frascarelli, contractor; Gennaro Nassa, civil employee; Mariano Brutto, clerk; Gennaro Esposito, tailor; Pietro Citti, printer; Sebastiano Villani, clerk; Giovanni DeLuca, chef; Aldo Amadori, clerk; Luigi Tognarelli, agent, and Mario E. Lattoni, advocate, all of the city of Montreal, in the Province of Quebec, together with such other persons as may become members of the Association hereby incorporated, are incorporated under the name of "Order Sons of Italy in Canada", herein-Name.
after called "the Association".

2. The head office of the Association shall be at the Head office.
city of Montreal, in the Province of Quebec.

3. The membership in the Association shall be limited to persons of Italian origin residing in the Province of Quebec, together with such other persons as may be admitted to membership in accordance with the by-laws of the Association.

4. The Association shall be a mutual benefit association established with a view, by means of contributions from its members, of making provision for those of its members who are afflicted by sickness, accidents or reverses of fortune, and, in case of the death of members, for their widows and orphans or legal representatives, and not for profit.

5. 1. The Association shall have power throughout the Province of Quebec:

a. To institute, organize, establish and carry on local branches of the Association which branches shall be called Lodges;

b. To propagate and develop among the members of the Association a mutual and fraternal spirit;

c. To promote the intellectual instruction and development of the members of the Association and especially to facilitate the study of the French, English and Italian languages, with the object of making them good Canadian citizens;

d. To preserve and strengthen, through the practice of physical culture and sports, the health of its members;

e. To borrow, from time to time, such amounts of money as may be required for the purposes of the Association;

f. To solicit, receive and accept, by gift, bequest or otherwise and to hold and dispose of, for the purposes of the Association, any monies.

2. In addition to the powers which the Association may exercise in accordance with the provisions of the Quebec Insurance Act (Revised Statutes of Quebec, 1925, chapter 243), as amended, the Association may, if duly authorized by by-laws of the Association, establish, maintain and administer separate funds for the payment of:

(I) A sick benefit to any member in good standing;

(II) A mortuary benefit on the death of any member in good standing;

(III) General expenses for the general administration of the Association;

and, subject to the provisions of section 8 of this act, the Association may acquire the whole or any part of the rights and property and assume the obligations and liabilities of the "Grand Lodge Order Sons of Italy in Quebec" incorporated and licensed under the provisions of the Quebec Insurance Act governing mutual benefit associations on the 12th day of October, 1927.

6. 1. The Association shall be governed by the Grand Lodge, constituted as hereinafter provided, which shall be the supreme authority of the Association and when in session shall be known as the Grand Convention. Government of Association.

2. The Grand Lodge shall consist of: Grand Lodge;

a. The members of the Grand Executive Council for the time being, as hereinafter defined; and Grand Lodge;

b. Delegates of subordinate lodges elected in accordance with the by-laws of the Association. Delegates;

3. The affairs of the Association shall be managed and administered by the Grand Executive Council which shall be composed of the Grand Venerable, the Assistant Grand Venerable, the Ex-Grand Venerable last holding office, the Grand Orator, the Grand Recording Secretary, the Grand Financial Secretary, a Grand Treasurer, five Grand Trustees and such other officers or persons as may, from time to time, be required by the by-laws of the Association, all of whom shall be elected by the Grand Convention. Grand Executive Council;

4. The present officers and members of the Grand Executive Council of the "Grand Lodge Order Sons of Italy in Quebec" shall be the officers and members of the Association, until their successors are elected pursuant to the provisions of this act and the by-laws of the Association; Present officers, etc.

7. 1. The Association, through the Grand Lodge in session, shall have power, from time to time, to make, amend and repeal by-laws governing the election of officers and trustees and the prescribing and defining of their duties and powers, the holding of meetings, the admission of members and the termination of membership, the amount of fees, dues and assessments to be paid by the members, the administration of subordinate lodges, and generally all matters relating Making of by-laws, etc.

to any of the activities, business and affairs of the Association;

Existing by-laws, etc. **2.** The existing by-laws and regulations of the "Grand Lodge Order Sons of Italy in Quebec", so far as they are applicable, shall, subject to the provisions hereof, govern the affairs of the Association and the members thereof, from the date of its incorporation until and including the date of the first meeting of the Grand Lodge of the Association.

Acquiring of property, etc. **8.** The Association may acquire all the rights and real and personal property of any kind whatsoever now belonging to the "Grand Lodge Order Sons of Italy in Quebec" and, in the event of such acquisition, the Association shall assume, perform and discharge all unperformed obligations and undischarged liabilities of that society and may give any receipt or discharge in connection with any right, obligation or liability thereof.

Amalgamation. **9.** Notwithstanding the provisions of Division XXVII of the Quebec Insurance Act (Revised Statutes, 1925, chapter 243) any other Italian mutual benefit society, incorporated or not, may, with the authorization of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Insurance, amalgamate with the corporation hereby incorporated, upon the conditions determined by the Grand Executive Council of the said corporation and approved by the vote of the majority of the members present at the meeting of the society applying for amalgamation.

Provisions applicable. **10.** Except as hereinbefore otherwise provided, the Quebec Insurance Act (Revised Statutes of Quebec, 1925, chapter 243), as amended, shall apply to the Association.

Coming into force. **11.** This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction.