



CHAPTER 83

An Act to amend the Quebec Companies' Act, the Amusement Clubs' Act and the National Benefit Societies' Act

[Assented to, the 13th of April, 1933]

HIS MAJESTY, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of Quebec, enacts as follows:

1. The Quebec Companies' Act (Revised Statutes, 1925, R. S., c. 223, chapter 223) is amended by inserting therein, after section ^{ss. 207a-}207 thereof, the following division and sections: ^{207h, added.}

"DIVISION IIIA

"Approval of by-laws and annual reports

"207a. The provisions of this Division IIIA shall not Application. apply to any religious corporation.

"207b. The by-laws of a corporation and their changes Approval of or amendments must be approved by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council and shall come into force only from by-laws, etc. the date of the publication of a notice of such approval in Publication of approval. the *Quebec Official Gazette*.

For such purpose the corporation must deposit with the Deposit of Provincial Secretary a duly certified copy of such by-laws certified copy. or of their changes or amendments.

"207c. 1. On or before the first day of January in each Making of year, without notice or demand to that effect, every cor- yearly poration must make out, certify and deliver to the Attor- summary. ney-General of the Province a summary, stating:

- a. The name of the corporation;
- b. The date of its incorporation;

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c. The location of the head office of the corporation, giving the street and number when possible;

d. The names in full of the members of the corporation, at the date of the summary and the names in full and addresses of the directors of the corporation at that date;

e. A list of the real estate held by the corporation;

f. Any other information which may be required by an order-in-council, published in the *Quebec Official Gazette*.

Verifica-
tion.

2. The summary of every corporation shall be verified by the affidavit of two of its directors.

Corporation
failing to
comply.

3. If a corporation fails to comply with the provisions of this section, each director and officer of the corporation shall, in addition to the costs, be liable to a fine of twenty dollars for each day of such default and, failing payment of such fine and costs, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months.

Delay for
new incor-
porations.

4. In the case of a corporation incorporated during the year, the summary contemplated by this section must be filed within thirty days of the incorporation.

Additional
return upon
notice by
Att.-Gen.

“**207d.** The Attorney-General may, at any time, by notice, require any corporation to make any additional return upon subjects connected with its affairs within the time specified in the notice, and, upon failing to make such return, each director of the corporation shall, in addition to the costs, be liable to a fine of twenty dollars for each day of such default, and, failing payment of such fine and costs, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months.

Provisions
safeguarded.

“**207e.** The provisions of sections 207c and 207d shall not have the effect of relieving the corporations to which this Division IIIa applies from the obligation imposed by any other provision of this act or by any provision of any other act to file annual or other returns.

Inquiry into
affairs of
corpora-
tions.

“**207f.** 1. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may, whenever he deems fit, order the holding of an inquiry into the affairs of any corporation.

Persons ap-
pointed
therefor.

2. He may, for such purpose, by commission, appoint one or more persons to conduct such inquiry.

Powers
thereof.

3. For the purposes of such inquiry the person or persons so appointed shall have the same powers as those possessed by the commissioners appointed under the Public Inquiry Commission Act (Chap. 8).

Cancellation
of letters-
patent upon
petition of
Att.-Gen.

“**207g.** A judge of the Superior Court of the district in which the head office of a corporation is situated may order the cancellation of the letters-patent of such corporation,

on petition of the Attorney-General served upon the corporation and based on grounds of public interest, and in particular whenever the corporation:

a. Prints, publishes, edits or circulates, or aids in any manner whatsoever in printing, publishing, editing or circulating, any book, newspaper, periodical, pamphlet, print, publication or document of any kind, containing any blasphemous or seditious matter; or

b. Allows blasphemous or seditious words to be uttered at a meeting of its directors or of its members or at a public meeting convened by it; or

c. Aids or abets an unlawful assembly or riot; or

d. Does, aids or incites the doing of an act declared an offence by Article 98 of the Criminal Code.

“207h. 1. The judge, if the evidence adduced on the Cancellation petition establishes that it should be granted, orders the ^{judge.} cancellation of the letters-patent of the corporation concerned.

2. Notice of such judgment is published in the *Quebec Publication Official Gazette* and, from the date of such publication, the ^{of notice of} corporation concerned is dissolved and deprived of its ^{judgment.} rights except for the purposes of its liquidation.”

2. Section 8 of the Amusement Clubs’ Act (Revised R. S., c. 257, Statutes, 1925, chapter 257) is amended by adding thereto, ^{s. 8, am.} after the word and figure: “section 2”, in the third line thereof, the words: “and more particularly the provisions of Division IIIa of Part III of the said Quebec Companies’ Act shall apply to such clubs and associations”.

3. Section 6 of the National Benefit Societies’ Act ^{R. S., c. 258,} (Revised Statutes, 1925, chapter 258) is amended by adding ^{s. 6, am.} thereto, after the word: “societies”, in the third line thereof, the words: “and more particularly the provisions of Division IIIa of Part III of the said Quebec Companies’ Act shall apply to such societies”.

4. This act shall come into force on the day of its ^{Coming into} sanction. ^{force.}