



CHAPTER 136

An Act to amend the charter of *L'Association Catholique de la Jeunesse canadienne-française*

[Assented to, the 19th of February, 1932]

WHEREAS *L'Association Catholique de la Jeunesse canadienne-française*, incorporated by an act of the Legislature of the Province of Quebec, 7 George V, chapter 110, has, by its petition, represented: Preamble.

That the object of *L'Association Catholique de la Jeunesse canadienne-française* is to train young men for a life of devotedness to the service of the Church and of Canada, their country, by assuring to its members personal training by means of study circles and to devote itself to all works of public utility within the domain of charity, education, moral, social, national and economic questions;

That, to realize the above purpose, it is necessary to develop in young men, members of the Association or not, besides intellectual and moral vigour, a robust physical constitution by sound and healthy athletic exercises;

That such programme demands that the A. C. J. C. found, in various parts of the Province, establishments wherein will be taught and practised for purposes of education and of moral and physical training, all bodily exercises pertaining to physical culture and gymnastics;

That to attain such objects, it needs to acquire and possess moveable and immoveable property of a higher value than that presently fixed by its charter;

That, pursuant to this programme of activities, it has, through exceptional circumstances and under very advantageous conditions, acquired by deed executed before Mtre. Lionel Leroux, notary, on the 12th of August, 1931, under No. 1806 of his repertory, from the National Amateur Athletic Association:

“An immoveable situate at No. 840 Cherrier street, in St. James ward, in the city of Montreal, known under the name of LA PALESTRE NATIONALE, with the furniture and various moveable things which may serve to utilize such immoveable as a sporting and educational establishment”;

That the A. C. J. C. is authorized by its charter to possess moveable and immoveable property up to one hundred thousand dollars, and the above immoveable is assessed for municipal purposes at one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars;

That certain doubts have arisen as to the validity of an acquisition the value whereof exceeded the sum of one hundred thousand dollars above fixed;

That the said Association intends to acquire and possess in the near future, other moveable and immoveable property;

That, by its charter, the National Amateur Athletic Association benefited by certain privileges and tax exemptions;

That the A. C. J. C., by pursuing amongst other objects the work of the National Amateur Athletic Association, with a larger scope, needs the benefit of the same privileges;

That for such purpose the A. C. J. C. requires that more ample powers be granted in the exercise of its charter, and, particularly, certain privileges and tax exemptions, and

Whereas it is expedient to grant its prayer;

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

7 Geo. V,
c. 110, s. 4,
replaced.

1. Section 4 of the act 7 George V, chapter 110, is replaced by the following:

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

Powers of
corporation.

Have a common seal and change the same at will; appear before the courts; found study circles; organize courses, conferences, days of study and congresses in pursuit of its objects; found and maintain libraries and reading rooms; purchase, print, edit, publish and sell magazines, books, newspapers, pamphlets and propaganda sheets in connection with its designs and objects; found, install and equip, for the use of its members and of the public, establishments for the teaching and practice of physical culture and athletic and sporting exercises; accept, acquire and

receive, by purchase, donation, will, legacies or otherwise, and possess moveable and immoveable property and receive the revenues therefrom, provided that the annual revenue of the immoveables belonging to the corporation and owned by it for revenue purposes does not exceed two hundred thousand dollars; lease, sell, change, hypothecate, cede, alienate or otherwise dispose thereof; borrow, issue bonds and securities by hypothec and by pledge, if necessary; collect assessments, contributions and subscriptions from its members; encourage studies and works in connection with the objects of the A. C. J. C.; organize competitions, establish prizes, grant rewards, and aid and maintain, within the measure of the means and resources of the corporation, such undertakings as are calculated to spread mental culture and assure the defence of religious, social and national interests; and, generally, exercise the powers vested in civil corporations and such powers as may aid it in attaining its object, or serve to put its means of action in operation and to carry out its undertakings.

Any law or by-law to the contrary notwithstanding, the buildings, lands and other immoveables held as owner and occupied by the corporation for the above purposes are assimilated to the property of educational establishments as to exemptions from municipal and school taxes. Exemption from taxes.

Such tax exemption shall not apply to the water tax nor to special taxes for sewers, paving, sidewalks and public lighting." Taxes exigible.

2. The deed of sale by the National Amateur Athletic Association to *L'Association Catholique de la Jeunesse canadienne-française* executed on the 12th of August, 1931, before Notary Lionel Leroux, under No. 1806 of his repertory, is confirmed and ratified for all legal purposes. Validation of deed of sale.

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

