



CHAPTER 148

An Act to incorporate the *Congrégation des Ursulines de Québec*

[Assented to, the 11th of March, 1931]

WHEREAS The Ursulines of Quebec, a corporation Preamble. having its place of affairs in the city of Quebec, and the *Ursulines de Roberval*, a corporation having its place of affairs in Roberval, have, by their petition, set forth:

That the Ursulines of Quebec, established by Letters Patent of Louis XIII, dated at St. Germain en Laye in May, 1639, have had their corporate existence acknowledged by the act of the Province of Canada, 12 Victoria, chapter 141, completed and amended by the act 19 George V, chapter 118;

That the *Ursulines de Roberval* were incorporated by the act 57 Victoria, chapter 86, amended and completed by the act 15 George V, chapter 133;

That the *Ursulines de Roberval* have prayed, with the consent and recommendation of their Ordinary, His Lordship Bishop Charles Lamarche, of Chicoutimi, to be affiliated with the Ursulines of Quebec;

That their request, accepted by the Council of the Ursulines of Quebec, has been submitted to the Sacred Congregation of Religious, as required by their rescript of the 14th of June, 1930, addressed to His Eminence the Cardinal Archbishop of Quebec;

That, by a decree of the 16th of December, 1930, the same Sacred Congregation granted to the said Cardinal Archbishop of Quebec power to establish the union of the persons and property of the *Ursulines de Roberval* with the Congregation of The Ursulines of Quebec;

That, by a decree dated the 23rd of January, 1931, His Eminence the Cardinal Archbishop of Quebec made and declared established the requested union in such manner that the persons and the moveable and immoveable property of the *Ursulines de Roberval* constitute a single body with the Congregation of The Ursulines of Quebec;

That, by the terms of this decree, it is, however, stipulated that the legacies, individual property and foundations, which have been given or bequeathed to the Roberval monastery for its own use by the particular wish of the donors or testators, and dowries and other acquired rights shall remain the property of the said Roberval monastery:

That other corporations of Ursulines in the Province of Quebec have manifested the intention and desire to follow the example of the *Ursulines de Roberval* and to unite with the Congregation of The Ursulines of Quebec, and that such union will of necessity be effected under similar conditions;

That there can be no question of suppressing other present civil corporations of Ursulines since, by the terms of the aforesaid decree of His Eminence the Cardinal Archbishop of Quebec, certain property will continue in their ownership;

That it is, however, necessary to constitute a new corporation to which will be ceded the property which has to be ceded to it and of which shall form part the various monasteries, corporations or institutions of The Ursulines of Quebec, of the *Ursulines de Roberval* or of any other Ursuline nuns in the Province desirous of entering such corporation;

That the petitioners have obtained the consent of His Eminence Cardinal Raymond Marie Rouleau, O.P., Archbishop of Quebec, and of His Lordship Bishop Charles Lamarche, of Chicoutimi, for the presentation of such petition and of a bill based thereon;

Whereas the said The Ursulines of Quebec and the *Ursulines de Roberval* have, by such petition, prayed for the passing of an act 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:

Incorporation.

1. The Ursulines of Quebec and the *Ursulines de Roberval* and all monasteries, corporations or institutions of Ursulines in the Province of Quebec, desirous of hereafter

joining The Ursulines of Quebec and the *Ursulines de Roberval*, are incorporated under the name of *La Congrégation des Ursulines de Québec*. ^{Name.}

2. The corporate seat of the congregation shall be in the city of Quebec. ^{Corporate seat.}

3. The corporation shall have the powers, rights and privileges pertaining to ordinary civil corporations, and it may: ^{Powers.}

- a. Have a common seal and alter it at will;
- b. Appear before the courts;
- c. Accept, acquire and possess, according to law, rights and property, moveable and immovable, provided the annual revenue from the immoveables belonging to the corporation and possessed by it, for revenue purposes, does not exceed five hundred thousand dollars;
- 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 sections 11 and 12 of chapter 227 of the Revised Statutes, 1925, and the amendments thereto, 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;
- i. Assume, wholly or in part, the liabilities, responsibilities and obligations of the monasteries, corporations and institutions of Ursulines of the Province of Quebec who enter or may enter the corporation and cede to it their assets, wholly or in part.

4. The corporation shall be governed by its present rules and constitutions which it may afterwards amend or repeal, respecting the internal management of its houses or establishments, the administration and disposal of its ^{Govern-ment.}

property, the election, the number and the powers of its superioresses, directresses, officers, procurators and administratrices, and of the superioresses, directresses, officers, procurators and administratrices of each of its houses or establishments, the attributes of its members, and their admission and leaving.

Additional
powers.

5. The corporation may found, establish and maintain, in any place in the Province, convents, branches, novitiates, schools, boarding-schools, normal schools, schools of domestic science or other educational establishments for young girls; erect such buildings as are suitable for its purposes in any locality where it may have an establishment; maintain or establish, in conformity with the conditions and formalities required by law and the regulations of the Board of Health of the Province of Quebec, a cemetery upon the property of each of its establishments or a vault in each of its chapels, for the disposal of the mortal remains of the members or benefactors of the community or of any other person in any way connected with the community.

Administra-
tion by
council.

6. The corporation may act and administer its affairs by a council, elected or appointed in accordance with its constitutions and by-laws, and may appoint for itself and for each of its convents, branches, novitiates, schools, boarding-schools, normal schools, schools of domestic science or other educational establishments for young girls, superioresses, directresses, officers, procurators or administratrices from among its members, or agents outside of the community, unless by the terms of the constitutions and by-laws of the corporation such superioresses, directresses, officers, procurators and administratrices must be elected or appointed otherwise.

Signatures.

7. The signatures of the members of the council or of any other person appointed by resolution of the said council shall bind the corporation.

Provisions
not applica-
ble.

8. The corporation shall not be subject to the provisions of chapter 229 of the Revised Statutes, 1925.

Statement
to Lt.-Gov.
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9. The corporation shall transmit to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, whenever thereunto required, a statement of the property held by the corporation, the names of its officers and a copy of its rules and by-laws.

Coming into
force.

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