



CHAPTER 118

An Act to amend the charter of The Ursulines of Quebec

[Assented to, the 4th of April, 1929]

WHEREAS The Ursulines of Quebec, a corporation Preamble.
having its place of affairs in the city of Quebec, have,
by their petition, represented:

That they were established in New France in 1639 and their existence as a community distinct from the Ursulines of France was recognized by letters patent of Louis XIII, dated at St. Germain en Laye in May, 1639;

That, under the French rule, they acquired and possessed property with the authorization of the authorities of that time, and likewise in the same way under English rule;

That their corporate existence was formally acknowledged by the act of the Province of Canada, 12 Victoria, chapter 141;

That they therefore come under the provisions of article 353 of the Civil Code of Lower Canada;

That, however, it has become necessary to further specify and better define their powers as regards their right to acquire, alienate or hypothecate immoveables, and particularly to borrow by an issue of debentures, in order to further develop their work;

That for the purpose of this act, they have obtained the approval of His Lordship Mgr. Plante, Bishop of Dobero, Auxiliary Bishop and Administrator of Quebec;

Whereas the said corporation has, 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:

12 Viet., c. 141; provisions re-placed.

1. The provisions of the act 12 Victoria, chapter 141, respecting the right of the corporation to acquire and hold property and to alienate the same, are repealed and replaced as follows:

Powers of corporation.

The corporation shall have the powers, rights and privileges pertaining to ordinary civil corporations, and it may:

- a. Have a common seal and alter it at will;
- b. Appear before the courts;
- c. Accept, acquire and possess, according to law, rights, moveables and immoveables, provided the annual revenue from the immoveables belonging to the corporation and possessed by it, for revenue purposes, does not exceed one 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 their amendments, 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.

Rules and by-laws.

2. The corporation shall be governed by the rules of the community, and may make rules or by-laws, which it may afterwards amend or repeal, respecting the internal management of its houses or establishments, the administration and disposal of its property, the election, the number and the powers of its officers, procurators and administrators, the attributes of its members, and their admission and leaving.

Additional powers.

3. The corporation may found, establish and maintain, in any place in the Province, convents, branches, novitiates, schools, boarding-schools, schools of domestic science

or other educational establishments for young girls; erect such buildings as are suitable for such 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.

4. The corporation may act and administer its affairs Council, etc. by the council of the community, elected and appointed in accordance with the constitution and by-laws, and may appoint procurators or administrators from among its members, or agents outside of the community.

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

6. The acquisitions of immoveables and the alienations Acquisitions, etc. validated. already made by the corporation are valid, provided that they are otherwise legal, in the same manner as if they had been authorized, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 229 of the Revised Statutes, 1925.

7. The corporation shall transmit to the Lieutenant- Annual statement to Lt.-Gov. in C. Governor in Council, annually, in the month of January, and 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.

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