



CHAPTER 125

An Act to incorporate the Congregation Knases Bnai Israel

[Assented to, the 15th of March, 1928]

WHEREAS Joseph Greenberg, gentleman; Solomon Zitttrer, agent; Samuel Shore, manufacturer; C. Bernfeld, furrier; Isaac Veinish, salesman; Abraham Gross, manufacturer; M. Steinman, landlord; Reverend S. Karkofsky; Reverend Nuchim Gruber; Julius Cohen, merchant; Moses Siminovitch, merchant; Zarkin Resnick, tailor; all of the city and district of Montreal, have, by their petition, represented that they belong to the Jewish religion, and are adherents thereof and that for the purpose of divine worship according to the tenets of the Jewish religion it is expedient and in the interests of the petitioners that they should be incorporated in order that the corporation to be formed may, in its own name, acquire and possess property, moveable and immoveable, and do all acts that may be required for the purpose of its formation; and whereas it is expedient to grant their prayer;

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

1. Joseph Greenberg, Solomon Zitttrer, Samuel Shore, C. Bernfeld, Isaac Veinish, Abraham Gross, M. Steinman, S. Karkofsky, Nuchim Gruber, Julius Cohen, Moses Siminovitch, Zarkin Resnick, and all other persons who may become members, are hereby constituted a corporation under the name of "Congregation Knases Bnai Israel", with its principal place of affairs in the city of Montreal.

2. The corporation shall have and exercise all the rights belonging to ecclesiastical corporations, with the right to render mutual assistance to the members of such corporation.

Vesting of property.

3. All property, moveable and immoveable, which may be held in trust by the said petitioners or by others for them, shall be and the same is hereby transferred and vested in the corporation, and the corporation shall have and exercise all rights belonging to the congregation, and shall be subject to all the obligations contracted by it.

Powers of the corporation.

4. The corporation may have, hold and possess, and may acquire by purchase, gift, will or otherwise any immoveable property in or near the city of Montreal that may be required for a synagogue or place of worship, or for a house for the residence of the rabbi, or officiating minister, or for a cemetery or burial ground, or for any purpose of the corporation, and may at any time sell the said property or any part thereof and acquire other immoveable property in lieu of the same; provided always that the use of the said land for a cemetery shall be governed by the laws respecting cemeteries, subject to section 10 of this act.

Cemetery, etc.

The corporation shall not, however, establish a cemetery or burial ground within the limits of any municipality without having first obtained the consent of the said municipality, expressed by by-law.

By-laws.

5. The corporation is authorized to make by-laws for the regulation and government of the corporation, and to amend and repeal the whole or any part of such by-laws as may be expedient, provided always that none of such by-laws be inconsistent with this act, or with the laws of the Province.

Registers of civil status.

6. The corporation shall keep, either in the French or English language, according to law, registers for acts of civil status, and may, from time to time, according to its laws, usage and customs, appoint a rabbi or officiating minister, and may remove him or appoint another or others in his place; and the rabbi or officiating minister of the said corporation is hereby authorized and empowered to keep registers for acts of civil status, and to exercise in relation thereto all other civil powers appertaining to ministers of religious congregations.

Additional powers.

7. The corporation may, at any time, sell, lease, exchange, hypothecate or alienate its property or any part thereof, and acquire other immoveable property in lieu thereof; and the said corporation shall, for its own purposes, have the power to draw, make, accept and endorse bills of exchange, promissory notes, and other negotiable instru-

ments, under the signature of its officers or others, as may be determined by its board of directors.

8. In the event of the corporation receiving by gift or Disposal of will any immoveable property in excess of that which it is excess hereby authorized to possess, the said gift or legacy shall property. not on that account be void; but the said corporation shall be bound, within three years from the date of its entering into peaceful possession of the gift or legacy, to sell and dispose of the said immoveable property, or part of it, or some other of its immoveable property, in such manner that the immoveable property of the corporation shall not exceed in annual value the sum of fifty thousand dollars.

9. The corporation shall transmit to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, annually in the month of January, Annual statement and whenever thereunto required, a statement of the pro- to Lt.-Gov. in C. perty held by the corporation, the names of its officers and a copy of its rules and by-laws.

10. Nothing in this act shall have the effect of with- Provisions drawing the corporation from being governed by the applicable. provisions of the charter, by-laws and regulations of any municipality where the said corporation may exercise its powers, nor by the provisions of the Quebec Public Health Act.

11. The Act of the late Province of Lower Canada 9-10 Provisions George IV, chapter 75, shall not apply to the members and not ap- officiating minister of the said congregation. plicable.

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