



CHAPTER 96

An Act to incorporate the *Refuge Notre-Dame-de-la-Merci*

[Assented to, the 24th of March, 1926]

WHEREAS the corporation called "*Refuge de Notre-Dame-de-la-Merci* (Limited)" has, by its petition represented: Preamble.

That the *Refuge de Notre-Dame-de-la-Merci* (Limited) was incorporated by letters patent on the 23rd of June, 1925, with a capital of five thousand dollars and corporate seat in Montreal (Province of Quebec) to carry on all kinds of refuge and hospital work and all operations useful therefor, including the acquisition of an establishment known by the name of *Hôpital de la Merci*, in Montreal, St. Paul street;

That the corporation has actually acquired the *Hôpital de Notre-Dame-de-la-Merci* to make it the *Refuge Notre-Dame-de-la-Merci*;

That, on the 23rd of June, 1925, it had actually owned and directed such hospital for several weeks;

That it has interested several persons in its work as shareholders;

That these persons have subscribed to date a total sum of one thousand four hundred and sixty dollars in fully paid up shares of ten dollars each;

That the organizing of the work as a joint stock company was merely temporary and for the sole purpose of giving it a regular and responsible administration;

That all the shareholders subscribed through motives of charity, without any hope of profit, and they themselves so declared in a written renunciation to all dividends, which is kept in the stock register;

That, in the interest of its work, the corporation wishes more clearly to define its character as a charitable institution and to secure additional powers as such;

That for such purpose the new association requires a special act defining its rights and powers; and

Whereas 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:

Change of name.

1. The corporation authorized by letters patent, on the 23rd of June, 1925, from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, under the name of *Refuge de Notre-Dame-de-la-Merci* (Limited) shall henceforth be an association known under the name of *Refuge Notre-Dame-de-la-Merci*.

Succession to rights and obligations.

2. The *Refuge Notre-Dame-de-la-Merci* shall succeed to the rights and obligations of the *Hôpital de la Merci* and of the *Refuge de Notre-Dame-de-la-Merci* (Limited). The

No recourse against new association, by former shareholders

shareholders of the latter corporation shall have, with regard to their shares, no recourse against the new association, but shall be considered as its benefactors, to the extent of their shares.

Powers of new association.

3. The new association is authorized to carry on refuge and hospital work in all its forms, and all operations of a nature to promote such objects, with the right to appear before the courts, to acquire and alienate rights, moveable and immoveable property, saving the limitation of the net revenue arising from its immoveables to one hundred thousand dollars per annum, and to borrow on bonds or otherwise. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 3 of chapter 229 of the Revised Statutes of Quebec, 1925, it may possess more than ten acres of land.

Limitation on property holding.

Purchase ratified.

4. The purchase made by it of the *Hôpital de Notre-Dame-de-la-Merci* is ratified, and the effect of such purchase as regards the application of the laws and regulations regarding the Public Charities of the Province of Quebec, and the Municipal Charities of Montreal, shall be deemed to date back to the first of June, 1925.

Purchase of 17 of Nov., 1925, ratified.

5. The purchase made by it on the 17th of November, 1925, before Edouard Cholette, notary, at Montreal, of the property now occupied by its refuge, Nos. 365 and 367 St. Paul Street East, entered on the cadastre for the East Ward of the city of Montreal under number forty-six (46), is likewise ratified.

Corporate seat.

6. The corporate seat of the association shall be in Montreal.

7. The association shall be composed of the persons or bodies politic who have paid into the undertaking a sum of one hundred dollars or more, at one time, or have engaged to pay it ten dollars or over, per annum, for fifteen years. Such persons may assume the title of benefactors or benefactresses, according to their sex. Composition of association.

8. The conferences of the *Société Saint-Vincent-de-Paul*, whether having a legal existence or not, may be admitted as benefactors on the same conditions as other members. Admission as benefactors.

9. Persons who have rendered or render services to the association shall also be admissible to the extent of the value assigned to such services by the administrators. Other persons admissible.

10. The general meeting of the benefactors shall have the supreme authority and enact its statutes. The general meeting shall be held at least once a year. Gen. meeting of benefactors.

11. The members shall be entitled to as many votes as they have paid in multiples of the above sums, and they may be represented at meetings by another member. Number of votes. Representation.

12. The administration shall be exercised by a council of from five to nine members, elected by the general assembly. Council.

13. Until the next general meeting, Messrs. Arthur Gagnon, accountant, of the city of Outremont, Jules Le-maistre, commission merchant, of the city of Outremont, Armand Gélinas, accountant, Olivier Sénécal, electrician, and Olivar Asselin, financier, the last three of the city of Montreal, shall act as administrators of the corporation. Provisional administrators.

14. The first annual meeting shall be called by the council of administration. Save where adjournment is authorized by the directors of the Quebec Bureau of Public Charities, it shall be held before the 1st. of May, 1926. Date of first annual meeting.

15. The Ordinary of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Montreal, the city of Montreal and the Director of the Quebec Bureau of Public Charities, may attend in person or by delegate the meetings of the council, and the general meetings, and they shall be entitled to the same notice as the administrators or members, as the case may be. Attendance by Ordinary of R. C. Diocese, etc.

16. All the immoveables of the association devoted to refuge and hospital work shall be exempt from all municipal taxes. Exemption from taxes.

Detailed
statement to
Lt.-Gov.

17. The association shall, whenever required so to do by the Provincial Secretary, transmit to the Lieutenant-Governor a detailed statement of its immoveable property, a certified copy of its statutes and the names of its administrators.

Coming into
force.

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