



CHAPTER 106

An Act respecting the amalgamation of the *Société Saint-Jean-Baptiste de Québec* and the *Société Saint-Jean-Baptiste de Saint-Sauveur de Québec*

[Assented to, the 11th of March, 1926]

WHEREAS the *Société Saint-Jean-Baptiste de Québec* has, Preamble.
by its petition, represented:

That it was incorporated by the act 12 Victoria, chapter 148, amended by the acts 13-14 Victoria, chapter 126, and 2 George V, chapter 114;

That the *Société Saint-Jean-Baptiste de Saint-Sauveur de Québec* was incorporated under the provisions of articles 7233 and following of the Revised Statutes, 1909, by a resolution of the council of the city of Quebec of the 12th of December, 1909, duly filed in the prothonotary's office of the Superior Court, at Quebec, on the nineteenth day of December, 1909, and in the registry office of Quebec division on the 20th of the same month;

That since their founding, the first on the sixth of August, 1842, and the second on the fifteenth of June, 1862, these two societies have had the same ideal and same object;

That it is expedient now for them to unite their efforts and that an act be passed to amalgamate them into a single corporation;

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:

1. The *Société Saint-Jean-Baptiste de Québec* and the Incorporation.
Société Saint-Jean-Baptiste de Saint-Sauveur de Québec are united and amalgamated into one corporation under the name of "*La Société Saint-Jean-Baptiste de Québec*". Name.

Corporate
seat.
Flag.

2. The society shall have its corporate seat in the city of Quebec. Its official flag shall be the "*carillon-sacré-cœur*".

Object of
society.

3. The object of the society is to unite and protect Canadian Catholics of French origin and language; to promote and defend their religious, national and social interests; to maintain the beliefs, language and traditions of their ancestors; to found, aid and encourage patriotic, charitable, educational or mere recreational works; to support, develop and extend parochial works, and a parochial spirit.

Rights,
powers and
privileges.

4. The society shall exercise all the rights, powers and privileges of ordinary civil corporations, and, in particular, may:

- a. Receive gifts and legacies of all kinds;
- b. Collect annually from the parochial sections a contribution not to exceed fifty per cent of the assessments paid by their members;
- c. Acquire, receive and hold, under any legal title, moveables and immoveables, provided that the annual value of the immoveables possessed by a parochial section shall not exceed ten thousand dollars, and provided that the annual value of the immoveables possessed by the society shall not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars;
- d. Borrow on promissory notes or otherwise; contract financial obligations; hypothecate, sell or lease its property or otherwise dispose of the same;
- e. Moreover, upon a resolution of a majority of the members of its general council, present at a meeting specially called for such purpose, exercise the rights, powers and privileges conferred upon joint stock companies by subparagraphs *b*, *c* and *d* of subsection 1 of section 151 of chapter 223 of the Revised Statutes, 1925.

Qualifica-
tions.

5. In order to become a member of the society, all of the following qualifications are required:

- a. Be a practising Catholic;
- b. Be of French origin through his father or mother;
- c. Be able to speak the French language fluently;
- d. Reside in the city of Quebec and have been regularly admitted as a member by the parochial section of his domicile;
- e. Have paid to the treasurer of such section the assessment fixed by its by-laws.

Administra-
tion.

6. The affairs of the society shall be administered by a

general council composed of a chaplain-general, appointed by the *Ordinaire*, of the president, assistant-president, vice-president, retiring president, and of the president and chaplain of each section.

7. The general council of the society shall, at its first annual meeting, appoint the following officers: Officers appointed by the council.

- A secretary,
- An assistant-secretary,
- A treasurer,
- An assistant-treasurer,
- A general marshal,
- An assistant general marshal,
- And any other officer necessary for the society.

These officers shall remain in office for one year and may attend meetings of the general council and vote thereat. Term of office. They may be re-elected at the expiration of their term of office.

8. The general meeting of the society is composed of: Composition of general meeting.

- The members and officers of the general council;
- The members and officers of the sectional councils;
- The former presidents of the general council;
- The former general presidents and the former sectional presidents of the amalgamated societies, if they still belong to the society; and
- The delegates from sections to the number of one delegate for each fifty members in good standing with the administration.

9. The general meeting of the society has the right to control and supervise the acts of the council; it may, within thirty days, veto any of its decisions, and it receives each year the report which the latter is bound to submit to it. Supervision. Veto.

10. The general meeting shall elect, each year, on the first Monday of February, a vice-president to replace the former vice-president, who automatically succeeds to the assistant-president, the latter replacing the president, whose term of office is limited to twelve months. It shall also elect an auditor and assistant-auditor. Elections at general meeting.

The president going out of office may be elected as vice-president. Vice-president.

The assistant-president or, in his default, the vice-president, replaces the president when he is unable to act or if there is a vacancy in the office. Replacing of president.

The general council may fill the vacancies occurring during the year in the offices mentioned in this section, the Vacancies.

persons appointed thereto remaining in office until the following yearly general meeting.

Vacancies.

If there be more than one vacancy to fill in the offices of president, assistant-president and vice-president, at the time of the annual election, the general meeting shall elect the number of officers required to fill the vacancies.

Calling
general
meeting.

11. The president, or the assistant-president and the vice-president, or five sectional presidents, may call a general meeting as often as deemed necessary for the proper administration of the affairs of the society.

Parochial Sections

Division
into groups.

12. The society is divided into groups called parochial sections which shall include only members residing in the territory of the same canonical parish.

Designa-
tion.

a. The parochial sections shall be designated as follows:
La Société Saint-Jean-Baptiste de Québec, section.....
.....(name of the canonical parish);

Present
parochial
sections.

b. *La Société Saint-Jean-Baptiste de Québec* is composed at present of the following parochial sections:

1. Notre-Dame de Québec Section
2. St. Cœur de Marie Section
3. St. Jean-Baptiste Section
4. Notre-Dame du Chemin Section.
5. St. Roch Section
6. St. François d'Assise Section
7. St. Sauveur Section
8. Sacré-Cœur Section
9. Ste. Angèle de St. Malo Section
10. Notre-Dame de Grâces Section
11. St. Joseph Section
12. St. Zéphirin (Stadacona) Section
13. Notre-Dame de Jacques-Cartier Section
14. St. Pascal Baylon Section.

Distinct
corporate
existence of
parochial
sections.

c. The parochial sections have a distinct corporate existence from the society; they shall enjoy throughout the parish and for parochial purposes entire autonomy and the powers necessary for their objects, but shall remain subject to the control and supervision of the general council for all that relates to the general interest of the society.

Powers of
parochial
sections.

13. The parochial sections may:

- a.* Receive gifts and legacies of all kinds;
- b.* Levy on their members an assessment which shall not be lower in each section than the existing rates nor exceed one dollar per annum;
- c.* Establish by means of voluntary subscriptions amongst

its members as many special funds as they deem expedient; such funds shall be administered separately and shall be liquidated when they cease to be self-supporting, without affecting the civil existence of the section, and if there is a balance, it shall be paid into the general fund;

d. Exercise with the approval of the general council the powers set forth in paragraphs *c*, *d* and *e* of section 4 above.

14. The general meeting of sections may exercise, with- Powers of in its jurisdiction, the same powers as a general meeting of general meeting of the society. sections,

It shall elect, each year on the last Monday in January, Elections. a vice-president and the number of members necessary to form its council. The provisions of section 10 above shall Provisions apply also to parochial sections. applicable.

15. The general meeting of sections shall be composed of all those of its members who are in good standing. Composi- tion of general meeting.

16. The president of a section, or the assistant-president and the vice-president, or fifteen members in good standing, Calling gen- eral meeting of section. may call a general meeting of the section every month.

17. The affairs of parochial sections shall be governed Administration of par- ochial sec- tions. by an administrative council, composed of the chaplain, a president, an assistant-president, a vice-president and five members appointed by the general meeting of the section.

The *Curé* in charge or his delegate shall be *de jure* chaplain Chaplain. for the section.

The administrative council shall appoint the same officers Officers. as the general council, and with the same powers and at- tributes.

18. The society may, by resolution of its general coun- Establish- ment of sections. cil, establish a section in each parish of the city of Quebec, in which it is not yet represented, as well as in each new parish which may hereafter be erected.

19. The sections so established shall, after publication Powers and in the *Quebec Official Gazette* of the resolution of the general and privi- leges of council of the society forming them into a corporation, en- sections. joy all the rights, powers and privileges hereby conferred upon parochial sections.

Temporary and General Clauses

20. The society shall not be responsible for debts of Responsi- parochial sections, and parochial sections shall not be res- bility for

debts of society, etc. possible for the debts of the society nor for the debts of another section.

Responsibility of members. **21.** The members shall not be personally responsible for the debts of the society nor for the debts of its sections.

Disposition of property. **22.** *La Société Saint-Jean-Baptiste de Saint-Sauveur de Québec* is authorized to dispose of its property, which shall not form part of the assets of the new corporation, and, notwithstanding this act, its board of management shall remain in power during such time as required to dispose of such property and for this sole end.

By-laws. **23.** The general meeting of the society, the general council and the administrative council of sections shall respectively make the by-laws deemed useful for the proper administration of their affairs.

Date and purpose of general meeting. **24.** The general meeting of the society shall be held on the second Monday after the coming into force of this act, at eight o'clock in the evening in the City Hall of the city of Quebec, for the election of the president, assistant-president and vice-president. Such meeting shall consider and decide all matters of interest to the society.

Officers in office. **25.** The officers of sections in office at the time of the coming into force of this act shall retain their office until the general meeting of the last Monday in January, 1927, when each section shall elect a president, an assistant-president, a vice-president and the other members of its administrative council, who shall be replaced in accordance with the provisions of section 14 above.

Distribution of property upon dissolution of society. **26.** In the event of the dissolution of the society, its property shall be distributed to charitable works in the city of Québec, by a committee composed of three persons: one chosen by the Archbishop of Québec, the second by the president-general of *La Société Saint-Vincent de Paul*, and the third by the two former.

Id., of parochial section. **27.** In the event of the dissolution of a parochial section, its properties shall be distributed to charitable works in the parish by a committee composed of the *Curé*, the president-general in office, and a third person chosen by the two former.

Amalgamation, etc. **28.** The society may associate with itself societies of the same kind, whether incorporated or not, throughout the archdiocese of Québec, or amalgamate with them.

29. The acts 12 Victoria, chapter 148, 13-14 Victoria, Repeals. chapter 126, and 2 George V, chapter 114, as well as the charter of the *Société Saint-Jean-Baptiste de Saint-Sauveur de Québec*, are repealed and replaced by the present provisions.

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