



CHAPTER 108

An Act to incorporate the Congregation Shaare Tefilah

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

WHEREAS Adolph Klein, Louis Solomon, Louis Berger, Preamble.

Myer Ungar, Osias Cohen, Benjamin Resch, Max Kolber, Samuel L. Kolber, Joseph Solomon and Martin Gross, all merchants, of the city and district of Montreal, have by 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 purposes 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. Adolph Klein, Louis Solomon, Louis Berger, Myer Ungar, Osias Cohen, Benjamin Resch, Max Kolber, Samuel L. Kolber, Joseph Solomon and Martin Gross and all other persons who may become members are hereby constituted a corporation under the name of "Congregation Shaare Tefilah", with its principal place of affairs in the city of Montreal.

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

Rights.

3. 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 corporations. For the purposes of mutual assistance, all the provisions of the Quebec Insurance Act shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

Mutual assistance.

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, the extent of which shall not exceed that provided by law, 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 a burial ground outside the limits of the city of Montreal, or for any purpose of the said 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, and provided further that the immoveable property held by the said corporation shall not exceed on the whole a quantity of ten arpents in superficial extent, and the annual revenue or value thereof shall not exceed the sum of one hundred thousand dollars.

Cemetery.

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 said 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 the laws of the Province of Quebec.

Registers of civil status.

6. The corporation shall keep according to law, either in the French or English language, registers for acts of civil status, and may, from time to time, according to the laws, usage, and custom, appoint a rabbi or officiating minister, and may remove him and 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.

Disposing of property, etc.

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 have the power, for its purposes, to draw, make, accept and endorse all bills of exchange, promissory notes and other negotiable instruments under the signature of its officers or others, as may be determined by the board of directors.

8. In the event of the corporation receiving, by gift or Gifts, etc. will, any immoveable property in excess of that which it is hereby authorized to possess, the said gift or legacy shall not on that account be void, but the said corporation shall be bound, within three years from the date of its entry into peaceful possession of the said 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 shall not exceed in annual value the sum of one hundred thousand dollars.

9. The corporation shall, annually in the month of Statement January and whenever required so to do by the Provincial to Lt.-Gov. Secretary, transmit to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council in Council. a statement showing its moveable and immoveable property, the names of its officers and the situation of its principal place of affairs and a certified 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 provi- applicable. sions 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. This act shall come into force on the day of its Coming into sanction. force.
