

of the same; when its object is accomplished, the said corporation shall obtain its discharge, at a general meeting of the *fabrique* convened for such purpose, and in the same manner as such meetings are usually called, by rendering an account of its operations and delivering up the books and papers in its possession, as well as the money which may remain in its hands.

Coming into
force. **24.** This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction.

CHAP. 95

An Act to amend the charter of the Natural History Society of Montreal.

[Assented to 16th March, 1916]

Preamble. **W**HEREAS The Natural History Society of Montreal has presented a petition praying for the amendment of its charter as contained in the act 2 William 4, chapter 65, of the Statutes of Lower Canada, as amended by the act 22 Victoria, chapter 118 of the Statutes of Canada, and further amended by the act 25 Victoria, chapter 102, of the Statutes of Canada; and whereas it is further represented that the objects of said society would be accomplished with greater efficiency and in a much more economical manner if the society were empowered to hold property in indivision with any other corporation having objects similar, in whole or in part, to those of the society, and to borrow money and to hypothecate its immoveable property for the repayment of any sums borrowed;

And whereas it has prayed for the passing of an act to that effect and to give the said society more ample powers; and it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition;

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

2 Wm. IV,
c. 65, am.

1. The first section of the act 2 William 4, chapter 65, as above amended, is replaced by the following:

Incorporation.

Name.

"It is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that the several persons who now are or who from time to time may become members, according to the rules and regulations of the said society, shall be and are hereby declared, ordained and constituted a body corporate and politic by the name of "The Natural History Society of Montreal", and by that name they and their successors shall and may

for ever hereafter have perpetual succession, and by the same name be capable in law to sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, answer and be answered and to defend and be defended in all courts and places whatsoever, and may have a common seal with power to alter and change Powers. the same at their pleasure from time to time, and shall be capable of purchasing, holding and enjoying any real estate for the use of the said corporation, and any goods, chattels, or personal estate; and of selling, leasing or otherwise disposing of the said real or personal estate or any part thereof at their will and pleasure; provided always that the clear annual value or income of such real estate shall not at any one time exceed the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars; and provided also, that the funds of the said corporation shall be used and appropriated to the promotion of the study of natural history and general science and literature and the other objects contemplated by the establishment and formation of the said society, and no other."

2. The act 2 William 4, chapter 65, of the Statutes of Id. ss. 1a, Lower Canada, as amended by the acts 22 Victoria, chapter 1b, 1c, 1d, 118, and 25 Victoria, chapter 102, is further amended by and 1e, enacted. inserting therein before section 2 thereof, five new sections, as follows:

"**1a.** The said Natural History Society may acquire Property and hold real or moveable property to the value provided may be held by its charter, either by itself, or jointly in undivided in indivision. shares or otherwise with any other society or corporation having purposes similar in whole or in part to those of the said society, provided said property is held and used for the purposes of said societies or corporations, either jointly with others or alone, and may administer such property by a joint committee of said several societies or corporations, which said committee shall be appointed in the manner and in accordance with by-laws adopted by the said societies or corporations for the purpose, which said by-laws the said several societies or corporations are hereby authorized to make and adopt.

"**1b.** The said Natural History Society may acquire Buildings, real property, either jointly with others as herein provided, &c. or by itself, and erect buildings thereon, or acquire, in whole or in part, those already erected thereon for occupation by itself or jointly with others, or for any other purpose of the said society, and may so acquire and occupy the same anywhere on the Island of Montreal.

"**1c.** The said Natural History Society may make any Agreements and all agreements required to permit of the joint use and for joint administration by it and by any other corporation having use.

purposes similar to it in whole or in part by way of lease or otherwise, and upon such terms and conditions as may be authorized by a majority of its members present at a general meeting duly convened and held for the purpose.

Borrowing
power.

"1*d.* The said Natural History Society shall have the power to borrow for the purposes of the society such sums, and on such terms, as may be authorized by the said society at a general meeting of its members called for the purpose, and to hypothecate any real property belonging to the society as security for the same.

Hypotheca-
tion.

Amalgama-
tion, &c.

"1*e.* The said Natural History Society may, if duly authorized by resolution duly adopted by its members at an annual general meeting or at a special general meeting convened for that purpose, amalgamate with, enter into and carry out with any other educational or literary or scientific institution any agreement which they may deem expedient with a view to co-operation in the care or use of their respective libraries, museums, apparatus or other collections, or otherwise to the furtherance of the objects of the said corporations."

Coming into
force.

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

CHAP. 96

An Act to amend the charter of the Mechanics' Institute of Montreal

[Assented to 16th March, 1916]

Preamble.

WHEREAS the Mechanics' Institute of Montreal, a body politic and corporate, duly incorporated by the act 40 Victoria, chapter 64, and to which additional powers were granted by the acts 51-52 Victoria, chapter 117, 55-56 Victoria, chapter 89, and 63 Victoria, chapter 102, has by its petition represented that the objects of the corporation would be accomplished with greater efficiency and in a much more economical and satisfactory manner if the corporation were empowered to hold property in indivision with any other corporation having objects similar, in whole or in part, to those of the institute, and to borrow money and to hypothecate its immoveable property as security for the repayment of any sums borrowed; and

Whereas it has prayed for the passing of an act to that effect; and