

Church. The persons who shall be directors of the corporation, the number of directors, their length of service, the number necessary to form a quorum, the powers of the directors and the manner and place (within or without the Province of Quebec) of their election, shall be fixed by

By-laws. by-laws passed at any annual or special meeting of the corporation, by a two-thirds vote of the members of the corporation present at such meeting. The corporation may pass by-laws regulating the management of the affairs of the corporation at any annual or special general meeting of the corporation, by a two-thirds vote of the members of the corporation present at such meeting."

Coming into force. **2.** This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction.

## C H A P . 1 4 8

An Act to incorporate the St. Peter and St. Paul Russo-Greek Catholic Orthodox Church of Montreal, Canada.

[Assented to 5th March, 1915]

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS the Reverend Vladimir Joseph Sakovitch, Ivan Ivanhoff, Gregory Zinkevitch, Efrem Shiloff, and Dmetry Nezvesky, all of the city of Montreal, in the Province of Quebec, have by their petition represented that they are persons of Russian origin, belonging to the Russian Greek Orthodox Church, of which they are adherents; that for the purpose of divine worship according to the tenets of the religion of the said church, 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, keep acts of civil status, and do all things that may be required in connection with the purposes of its incorporation;

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

Corporation constituted.

**1.** The Reverend Vladimir Joseph Sakovitch, Ivan Ivanhoff, Gregory Zinkevitch, Efrem Shiloff and Dmetry Nezvesky, and all other persons who may become members, are hereby constituted a corporation under the name of "The St. Peter and St. Paul Russo-Greek Catholic Orthodox Church of Montreal, Canada".

Name.

**2.** All property, moveable and immoveable, real and personal, which may be held in trust for said corporation, shall be and the same is hereby transferred to and vested in the said corporation, including all sums of money whatsoever belonging to the said congregation, which moneys were received and held by Peter Bourena, Egnaty Hoffman and Effin Krasutsky, all merchants of the city and district of Montreal, in their capacities as trustees for the said congregation of the Russo-Greek Orthodox Church in Montreal, having been collected by them as said trustees for the purposes of the said church, during their term of office.

**3.** The said corporation shall have and exercise all the rights belonging to ecclesiastical corporations, and shall be subject to all obligations enacted by the laws.

**4.** The said corporation may, for the purpose of its objects, acquire property, moveable and immoveable, provided that the immoveable property held by it at any one time shall not exceed one hundred thousand dollars, and at any time may sell, lease, exchange, hypothecate or alienate this property or any part thereof; and the said corporation shall have power to draw, make, accept and endorse bills of exchange, promissory notes and other negotiable instruments under the hands of its officers or others, as may be determined by the board of trustees.

**5.** The corporation shall be administered by a board of trustees composed of the Pastor for the time being of the said church, and of not more than ten nor less than six members of the said corporation, who shall have the same powers and duties as a board of directors of a company incorporated under letters patent, and the board of trustees is authorized to appoint a president, a secretary, a treasurer, or a secretary-treasurer and other officers for the said corporation, and to make by-laws for the regulation and government of the said corporation, and for charitable aid, with power to amend and repeal the whole or any part of the said by-laws as the board may deem expedient; provided always that none of such by-laws be inconsistent with this act, or with the laws of this Province, and further provided that the said by-laws, unless ratified at the next annual meeting of the corporation or at some special meeting, held for the purpose, shall, from and after the date of the said meeting, cease to have effect.

**6.** The object for which the corporation is formed, in

addition to the powers herein given, is to worship Almighty God according to the faith, doctrines, discipline, usages and forms of the Russo-Greek Catholic Orthodox Church of North America, under the jurisdiction of the Most Holy Governing Synod of Russia.

Corporate seal.

**7.** The corporation shall have a corporate seal, which shall be used, together with the signatures of its executive officers, to authenticate all official documents.

First meeting.

**8.** Within three months after the coming into force of this act, there shall be held a meeting of the members of the corporation, in the city of Montreal, for the purpose of electing a board of trustees.

Manner of calling same.

**9.** The said meeting may be called by three members by giving a previous notice of at least ten days of the place, day and hour at which it will be held, by registered letter mailed to the address of the members.

Date of meeting, &c., to be fixed by by-law.

**10.** The date of the annual meeting of the corporation and the term of office of the trustees and the manner of their re-appointment may be determined by by-laws at the first general meeting, or at any subsequent general meeting called in the manner hereinabove prescribed, or in such other manner as may be prescribed by by-laws of the said corporation.

Authorization to keep registers of civil status.

**11.** The said corporation shall keep, within the limits of the city of Montreal, registers for acts of civil status, and may, from time to time, appoint a minister and may remove him and appoint another or others in his place; and the officiating minister of the said congregation is hereby authorized and empowered to keep registers for acts of civil status; the whole in accordance with the provisions of the Civil Code and with the general laws of this Province.

Corporate seat.

**12.** The corporate seat of the said corporation shall be in the city of Montreal.

Statement.

**13.** The corporation shall, whenever required to do so by the Provincial Secretary, transmit to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council a detailed statement of its immoveable property, a copy of its rules and regulations, and the names of its officers.

Coming into force.

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