

thereof, and acquire other immoveable property in lieu thereof; and the said corporation shall have the 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 its board of directors, provided the annual value of the said property shall not exceed ten thousand dollars.

8. In the event of the said corporation receiving by gift or 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 entering 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 of the said corporation shall not exceed in annual value the sum of ten thousand dollars.

9. The corporation shall, whenever required so to do by the Provincial Secretary, transmit to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council a statement showing its moveable and immoveable property, the names of its officers and the situation of its principal place of business, and a certified copy of its rules and by-laws.

10. Nothing in this act shall prevent the provisions of the charter of the city of Montreal or the by-laws passed by the said city in accordance with its charter, from applying to this corporation, nor the provisions of the law governing public health.

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

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An Act respecting the succession of Dame Caroline Desève

[Assented to 5th March, 1915]

WHEREAS *La Communauté des Religieuses Trappistines de Notre Dame de Maubec*, a corporation legally constituted, having its corporate seat at Notre Dame de Maubec, near Montelimar, in the department of Drôme, in France, has, by petition, represented: that by her will in holograph form, dated the 23rd May, 1912, Dame Caro-

line Desève, formerly of the city and district of Montreal, ex-missionary to Africa, and then known in religion as Sister Clémence, at the monastery of *La Trappe de Notre Dame de Maubec*, bequeathed by gift, after her death, to her community, the petitioner, all that she possessed in her own right (*en propre*) and in particular an immoveable situated in the city of Montreal on the northeast side of City Hall avenue, and being the southeast half of lot No. 632 of the official plan and book of reference of St. Louis ward, of the city of Montreal, such half lot containing about twenty-two feet in width by sixty-seven feet in depth, English measure, more or less, and being bounded in front on the southwest by City Hall avenue, in rear by a lane, seventeen feet in width, on the southeast side by lot No. 633, and, on the northwest side, by the remainder of the said lot No. 632, with a house bearing the Nos. 407 and 409 of the said avenue, and its dependencies, and with right of way in common with others in the said lane; that the said Caroline Desève, the above-mentioned testatrix, died at Notre Dame de Maubec, aforesaid, on the 19th November, 1912, without having revoked the said will, and that by deed before Mr. Emile Roux, at Montelimar aforesaid, dated the 30th October, 1913, the said will was duly proved; that on the 20th December, 1913, the above petitioners accepted such succession under benefit of inventory in accordance with the formalities required by law, by an authentic deed before Mr. Victor Morin, notary, and that on the same day, 20th December, 1913, before Mr. Victor Morin, notary, a legal declaration of death and transmission of property of the said Dame Caroline Desève was duly drawn up and registered, and that since the said date the said community has had the possession and administration of the above-mentioned immoveable; that the said immoveable constituted the sole asset of the said community, and that it is of small value, not exceeding the sum of four thousand dollars; that the community was incorporated by a decree of Napoleon III, Emperor of the French, dated the 18th September, 1857, and that, according to such decree, the corporation is governed by the royal ordinance of the 11th September, 1816; that doubts have arisen regarding the right of the corporation to acquire and hold immoveables in this Province, and to dispose thereof in an irrevocable manner, owing to the corporation's character of mortmain, without having obtained authorization from the sovereign of this country; and the corporation desires to obtain from the Legislature of this Province, an act to remove such doubts, and to authorize it to enjoy the benefits and advantages conferred upon it by the will

of the said Dame Caroline Desève, and to be authorized to sell the immoveable bequeathed by the said will;

And whereas it is expedient to grant the prayer contained in 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:

1. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary respecting mortmain in this Province, *La Communauté des Religieuses Trappistines de Notre Dame de Maubec*, is authorized to enjoy the benefits, advantages and legacies to it given and granted by the holograph will, dated the 23rd May, 1912, of Dame Caroline Desève, formerly of the city and district of Montreal, ex-missionary to Africa, and known in religion as Sister Clémence, such authorization to date back to the acceptance by the said *La Communauté des Religieuses Trappistines de Notre Dame de Maubec* of the succession of Dame Caroline Desève, under benefit of inventory on the 20th December, 1913.

Corporation authorized to benefit by the will of Dame Caroline Desève.

2. *La Communauté des Religieuses Trappistines de Notre Dame de Maubec* is also authorized to sell, cede, make over and transfer the following immoveable, to wit: an immoveable situated in the city of Montreal on the northeast side of City Hall avenue, and being the southeast half of lot No. 632 of the official plan and book of reference of St. Louis ward, of the city of Montreal, such half lot containing about twenty-two feet in width by sixty-seven feet in depth, English measure, more or less, and being bounded in front, on the southwest by City Hall avenue; in rear by a lane seventeen feet in width; on the southeast side by lot No. 633, and on the northwest side by the remainder of the said lot No. 632, with a house bearing the Nos. 407 and 409 of the said avenue, and its dependencies, and with the right of way in common with others in the said lane; to receive the proceeds of the said sale and give acquittance therefor upon an ordinary resolution of its council or board of administration.

Authorized to sell property.

3. This act shall not exempt the community from paying the succession duties which may be exacted under the Quebec Act relating to successions.

No exemption from succession duties.

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

Coming into force.