

statement of its moveable and immoveable property, the names of its officers and a certified copy of its by-laws.

4. Section 6 of the said act is repealed.

Id., s. 6, repealed.

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

Coming into force.

CHAP. 101

An act to incorporate The District of Bedford General Hospital.

[Assented to 24th March, 1911]

WHEREAS, the persons hereinafter named, and others, Preamble.

by their petition have alleged and shown that a subscription has been set on foot to provide funds for the founding and erecting of an hospital in the village of Sweetsburg, to be known as "The District of Bedford General Hospital", and a parcel of land has been acquired for that purpose, and contributions and donations have already been subscribed, and that others may be expected in furtherance of said object ; and whereas the said hereinafter named persons and others have prayed that they may be incorporated for the purposes of this act ;

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

1. Claude O. Robb, of the township of Dunham, John F. Yeats, of the village of Dunham, George F. L. Fuller and George W. Johnston, of the village of Cowansville, Lewis C. Parsons, Follin H. Pickel, Crawford M. Beattie, F. X. Arthur Giroux, George H. Boivin, all of the village of Sweetburg, Esquires, and all such persons who shall hereafter contribute to the institution hereby created, either by a donation respectively of at least two hundred and fifty dollars, or who shall sign the constitution and regularly continue to pay annually towards its support not less than five dollars each, and their successors, are hereby created a body politic and corporate at the village of Sweetsburg, in the district of Bedford, in the Province of Quebec, under the name of "The District of Bedford General Hospital".

Persons incorporated.

2. The corporation shall have perpetual succession and may have a common seal, with power to change, alter, break

Powers.

and renew the same as often as they think proper, and the corporation may, under the same name, contract and be contracted with, sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, prosecute and be prosecuted in all courts and places whatever in the Province.

Property of
corporation.

3. The corporation shall have the right to take, hold and possess all real or immoveable property and all money or moveable property which may legally have been or may be hereafter given, granted, purchased, appropriated, or devised or bequeathed in any manner whatever for, to and in favour of the said District of Bedford General Hospital for the purposes for which the corporation is hereby created, and upon such terms and conditions, not inconsistent with the purposes hereof, as the donor or testator thereof may impose, subject, nevertheless, to the restrictions hereafter imposed ; provided always, that the immoveable property held for permanent purposes by said corporation shall not exceed in annual value the sum of twenty thousand dollars, and provided also, that no immoveable property bequeathed to the said District of Bedford General Hospital, and not intended to be permanently occupied or used by the corporation, nor to be leased by them as a source of revenue, shall be retained by the corporation for a longer period than five years from the acquisition thereof.

Sale of real
estate, &c.

4. The corporation shall have the power to sell and convey, let or lease, any immoveable property appertaining to them, as they may deem advisable for the interests of the corporation ; provided always, that all moneys from time to time to be received by them on account of any real estate by them alienated, or to be alienated, or on account of the capital of any ground rent, or otherwise than by way of contribution not made for investment, shall be dealt with as capital only and not income, and shall be promptly invested, either in buildings or in real estate for the occupation of the said hospital, or in the securities hereinafter mentioned ; but no person shall be bound to see to the application of the money by him paid to the corporation.

Certain deed
of sale con-
firmed.

5. The deed of sale from John Powers, Esquire, to Follin H. Pickel, Esquire, and others in trust for the corporation, passed before Moses O. Hart, Esquire, notary public, on the 8th day of August, 1910, is hereby ratified and confirmed, and the property therein described is hereby declared to have been acquired for the corporation and is hereby vested in them subject to the conditions and stipulations of the said deed.

Objects.

6. The intents and purposes for which the corporation is hereby created are declared to be :

1. The admission and care of sick persons and convalescents without distinction of race or creed, subject only to such limitations and charges as may be hereinafter determined upon and settled by the by-laws of the corporation ;

2. The reception of sick persons as pauper patients, subject to such limitations and regulations as may be determined by the by-laws ;

3. The granting of relief to persons requiring the same from sudden accident ;

4. The giving of medical advice and medicines to the poor, subject to such regulations as may be determined by the by-laws.

7. The corporation shall be composed of life members Membership. and ordinary members.

All donors of two hundred and fifty dollars and upwards shall be life members, and all subscribers of five dollars a year and upwards per annum shall be ordinary members.

8. The affairs of the corporation shall be under the control Governors. and management of a board of nine governors, who shall be elected annually from among the persons qualified under the terms of the next following section ; which number, however, may be increased by by-law of the corporation as may be deemed necessary or expedient.

9. All life members and all ordinary members who are Qualifica- donors of fifty dollars or upwards and subscribers to the funds tions of gov- of the hospital to the amount of at least five dollars per annum, ernors. and not in arrears for any such subscription, shall be eligible as governors.

10. The election of governors shall be by ballot taken at Election of the annual meeting of the corporation ; and shall be held governors. in accordance with the rules and regulations prescribed by the by-laws.

In the balloting every life member shall have a right to Who to vote. cast five ballots, every donor of fifty dollars and upwards, who is an annual subscriber of five dollars or upwards, three ballots, and all other ordinary members, one ballot each.

11. The governors shall hold office for one year and until Term of their successors shall be appointed. office of gov- ernors.

12. In the case of the death, resignation or disqualifica- Replacing of tion of any elected governor, it shall be in the power of the governors. board of governors of the corporation to appoint a qualified

member to serve in his stead for the unexpired remainder of the term for which he was elected.

President,
&c.

13. There shall annually be elected from the board governors, from amongst themselves, as soon as conveniently may be after each annual election of governors, a president and two vice-presidents of the corporation, who shall have such powers and discharge such duties as by by-law in that behalf may be ordained, and who shall serve for the term of one year and until their successors shall be appointed ; and in case of the death, or resignation or disqualification of such president, or either of the vice-presidents, the board as soon as conveniently may be, shall elect another of themselves to serve as such for the unexpired remainder of his term of office.

Voting at
meetings.

14. At all meetings of the corporation, whether the same be general or special, every life member and every ordinary member thereof who has paid the current year's subscription, shall be entitled to one vote on all questions other than the election of governors, and such questions shall be determined by the majority of votes given in respect thereof.

Casting vote.

In case of an equality of votes the president, or in his absence the chairman of the meeting, shall have the casting vote.

Removal of
officers, &c.

15. The governors shall alone have power to elect and remove the matron and other officers, attendants and servants of every grade required in and about the corporation, and all such appointments and removals shall be determined by a majority of the votes of the governors, present at a regular meeting of the governors.

Powers of
governors.

16. The governors shall have full power in all things to administer the affairs of the said corporation, and may make or cause to be made any contract which the corporation may by law enter into, and may, from time to time, make by-laws to regulate the term and service, the appointments, functions, duties and removals of all attendants, officers, servants and apothecaries, the management and disposal of funds and charities, the imposing and recovering of a penalty and forfeiture admitting of regulation by by-law, and the conduct in all other particulars of the affairs of the corporation, and may, from time to time, repeal, amend or re-enact the same, but all such by-laws or the repeal, amendment or re-enactment thereof, unless in the meantime confirmed at the general meeting of the corporation duly called for that purpose, shall have force only until the next annual meeting of the corporation, and, in default of confirmation thereat, shall at and from

that time only cease to have force ; provided always, that twenty or more members of the corporation shall have the right at all times to call a special meeting of the corporation for the transaction of any business specified in such writing, requisition or notice as they may issue to that effect ; and such by-laws, rules and regulations shall have the same force and effect as if they were embodied in this act ; and copies thereof purporting to be signed by the president and secretary of the corporation, shall be received as *prima facie* evidence thereof in all courts of justice.

17. The corporation, may, from time to time, invest any Investments. surplus funds or moneys belonging thereto, in public securities, and all such other securities as may be sanctioned by law for the investment of trust funds, but the provisions hereof shall not prevent them from accepting and taking personal security in addition to the security hereinbefore provided for.

18. The several persons named in section 1 of this act Provisional shall be the provisional board of governors of the corporation, ^{governors.} and as such, shall administer the affairs of the corporation until the first meeting of the corporation, which meeting shall be held within one year after this act shall come into force.

The said provisional board, during their tenure of office, Their powers. shall have all the powers conferred by sections 12, 13, 15 and 16 of this act upon the governors of the corporation.

19. It shall be lawful at the first meeting of the corpora- First meet- tion to transact generally any business connected with the cor- ing. poration and to elect governors in accordance with the provisions of this act.

20. The qualification of ordinary membership as set forth Change of in section 7 of this act may be changed by by-law of the cor- membership qualification. poration, as its wants or necessities may require.

21. The corporation shall, whenever required by the Provin- Statement to cial Secretary, send to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, a L. G. in C. statement of its moveable and immoveable property, the names of its officers and a certified copy of its by-laws.

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