

CHAP. 100

An Act to incorporate the Syrian Greek Orthodox Church of
St. Nicholas, of Canada

[Assented to 4th June, 1910]

WHEREAS Alexander Saad, Salim Bouziane, Joseph Tabah, Preamble.

Salim Kassab, and John Shamy, all of the city of Montreal, merchants, have by their petition represented that they are British subjects, residents of the city of Montreal and are persons of Syrian origin, belonging to the Greek Orthodox Church, of which they are adherents; that for the purposes of divine worship according to the tenets of the religion of the said church, it is expedient and in the interest 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;

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

1. Alexander Saad, Salim Bouziane, Joseph Tabah, Salim Persons in-
Kassab and John Shamy, and all other persons who may become corporated.
members are hereby constituted a corporation under the name
of "The Syrian Greek Orthodox Church of Saint Nicholas, of Name
Canada."

2. All property moveable and immoveable which may be Property
held in trust for the said corporation shall be, and the same is vested in
hereby transferred to and vested in the said corporation. corporation.

3. The said corporation shall have and exercise all the rights Rights of
belonging to ecclesiastical corporations. corporation.

4. The said corporation may, for the purposes of its business, Acquisition
acquire property moveable and immoveable, provided that the of property,
immoveable property held by it at any one time shall not &c.
exceed twenty-five thousand dollars, and at any time sell,
lease, exchange, hypothecate or alienate this property or any
part thereof and acquire other immoveable property in lieu
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 offi-
cers or others as may be determined by the board of trustees.

5. The board of trustees is authorized to appoint a presi- Appointment

of president, dent, secretary 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, and to have power to amend and repeal the whole or any part of the said by-laws, as may be 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 annual meeting, cease to have effect.

Meeting to elect trustees.

6. 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 of not more than twelve and not less than five.

Calling of such meeting.

7. 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.

Dates of annual meeting.

8. The dates 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-law 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.

Registers of civil status.

9. The said corporation shall keep registers for the 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 the acts of civil status, and to exercise all other powers appertaining to ministers of religious congregations; the whole in accordance with the provisions of the Civil Code and with the general laws of this Province.

Corporate seat.

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

Transmission of certain statement.

11. The corporation shall, whenever required so to do 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.

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