

CHAP. 132

An Act to incorporate *L'Action Sociale Catholique*

[Assented to 14th April, 1908]

WHEREAS *abbé* Paul Eugène Roy, of the parish of Sacré Cœur de Jésus, near Quebec ; *abbé* Joseph Hallé, of the town of Levis ; *abbé* Charles Gagné, of Notre-Dame de Québec, all three priests of the Catholic Church ; Messrs F. X. Garneau, merchant ; Nazaire Fortier, manufacturer ; Cyrille Tessier, notary ; Charles Grenier, notary ; Adjutor Rivard, advocate ; Onesime Pouliot, merchant ; Jules Dorion, journalist, all of the city of Quebec ; Charles Narcisse Hamel, advocate, of the parish of Charlesbourg and Charles Joseph Magnan, professor, of the parish of St. Jean-Baptiste de Québec, have by their petition represented:

That, by a pastoral letter dated at Quebec the 31st March, 1907, His Grace *Monseigneur* L. N. Bégin, archbishop of Quebec, established *l'œuvre de l'action sociale catholique et de la presse catholique* ;

That, by a pontifical brief dated the 29th May, 1907, His Holiness Pius X was pleased to encourage the undertaking and praised the project ;

Whereas the persons hereinafter mentioned have in fact founded the said *œuvre de l'action sociale catholique et de la presse catholique* in Quebec, under the supervision and patronage of the archbishop of Quebec and conformably to the views expressed in the said pastoral letter ;

Whereas the persons above mentioned have, for the purpose of prosecuting such work, prayed to be incorporated with certain powers under the name of *L'Action Sociale Catholique*, and it is expedient to grant their prayer ;

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

1. The said Paul Eugène Roy, Joseph Hallé, Charles Gagné, F. X. Garneau, Nazaire Fortier, Cyrille Tessier, Charles Grenier, Adjutor Rivard, Onesime Pouliot, Jules Dorion, Charles Narcisse Hamel, Charles Joseph Magnan and all other persons who, under the by-laws to be adopted, shall succeed or join them and become members of the association, are hereby incorporated under the name of "*L'Action Sociale Catholique*"

Persons incorporated. Names.

2. The corporate seat of the corporation shall be in the city of Quebec.

Corporate seat.

Objects.

3. The object of the corporation is to labour for the promotion of Catholic social progress, and to that end to unite minds and wills in a common effort, to group together the Catholic social works already in existence and to create new ones ; to raise up and encourage works in connection with propagandism, associations for study, conferences, congresses and associations of a nature to foster the sense of Catholic life ; to promote the diffusion of good and sound literature; provided that the corporation shall not exercise any control over the administration or finances of any of the associations mentioned in this section.

Means of action.

4. Its means of action shall be the establishment, organization and direction of associations of a religious, economical or social order ; the organization and direction of, associations for study, conferences and congresses ; propagandism by word of mouth and by writings ; undertakings connected with printing and book-selling.

Powers.

5. The corporation shall have perpetual succession and may have a common seal which it may change at will and appear before the courts as any person may do ;

Receive, acquire and hold moveable or immovable property under any legal title, by purchase, lease, gift, will, legacy or otherwise ; to collect the revenue therefrom ; lease, sell, exchange, transfer, alienate or otherwise dispose of the same by any legal title whatsoever ; borrow and contract financial obligations, provided the value of the immovables held at any one time by the corporation shall not exceed two hundred thousand dollars ; and the corporation may hypothecate its immovables ;

Collect subscriptions and assessments from its members ;

Found, organize and maintain regional, parochial, public and circulating libraries ;

Organize and direct associations for study, conferences and congresses ;

Establish in other places in the Province of Quebec, committees, clubs, offices, agencies and branches of the corporation ;

And generally exercise all the powers pertaining to ordinary civil corporations, together with such powers as may aid the corporation to attain its end and promote the utilization of its means of action and the carrying out of its undertakings and especially those mentioned in section 4 of this act.

Central committee.

6. The management and general administration of the corporation shall be vested in a permanent central committee. The said Paul Eugene Roy, Joseph Hallé, Charles Gagné, F. X. Garneau, Nazaire Fortier, Cyrille Tessier, Charles Gre-

nier, Adjutor Rivard, Onesime Pouliot, Jules Dorion, Charles Narcisse Hamel and Charles Joseph Magnan, shall be the first members of the said committee.

7. The permanent central committee may adopt such by-laws, ordinances, rules, resolutions and decisions, not contrary to law, as they may deem expedient, and modify, amend and repeal the same in connection with the following: By-laws, &c., of central committee.

The organization, management and government of the corporation and of its various branches ;

The management and administration of the affairs and property of the corporation ;

The organization, working and government of the said permanent central committee ; the number of its members, their appointment and removal, and the manner in which they shall be replaced ;

The establishment, constitution, organization, attributes and working of the other committees, clubs, councils, offices, agencies and branches of the corporation ; the number, selection, appointment, resignation and replacing of their members ;

The number, selection, appointment, removal, the attributes, duties and remuneration of the officers, agents, servants and employees of the corporation and of its various committees, councils, offices and branches ;

The qualification, classification, admission, rights, resignation, expulsion and the assessments or contributions of the members of the corporation ;

The employment of the moneys, the creation and collection of the corporation's revenues ;

The adoption, amendment, putting into force and repeal of the by-laws, ordinances, rules and resolutions of the said permanent central committee, and generally ;

Everything connected with the objects of the corporation, its organization, government, working, administration, operations, the putting into operation of its means of action and the exercise of its powers.

The affairs of the corporation shall be managed, conducted and administered in accordance with such by-laws, ordinances, rules and resolutions.

8. The corporation shall transmit to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, whenever required so to do by the Provincial Secretary a detailed statement of its moveable and immovable property, the names of its officers, and a certified copy of its rules and regulations. Statement to be sent to Lieut.-Gov. in Council.

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