

C H A P . 150

An Act to consolidate and amend the act incorporating *Les Sœurs de Miséricorde de Montréal*

[Assented to 14th April, 1908]

WHEREAS *Les Sœurs de Miséricorde pour la régie de l'Hospice de la Maternité de Montréal* have, by their petition, represented that they were incorporated by an act of the Parliament of the former Province of Canada, 12 Victoria, chapter 138 ; that their institution has extended and has multiplied its works ; that it has become a religious community duly established and recognized by the authorities of the Roman Catholic Church ;

Whereas they have prayed that their charter be consolidated and amended so as to better define their powers and it is expedient to grant the prayer of such petition ;

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

1. The *Sœurs de Miséricorde* constitute a corporation which shall hereafter be known and designated under the name of "*Les Sœurs de Miséricorde de Montréal.*" Under such name they continue the present corporation and have perpetual succession. They may have a common seal and change, alter and renew the same from time to time, at will. They may also under such name appear before all courts of justice, sue and be sued, as any other corporation or person may lawfully do.

2. The said *Sœurs de Miséricorde de Montréal* have the corporate seat of their principal establishment in the city of Montreal, but may establish the same at any place in this Province they may deem suitable, and they may establish branch establishments in various places for carrying out the purposes of their incorporation.

A notice of the change of such corporate seat, which can be made only with the authorization of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, shall be published in the *Quebec Official Gazette*.

3. The said corporation shall be governed and administered by a general council elected by a chapter composed and chosen in the manner prescribed by the statutes and regulations in force in the said community ; and such chapter is empowered to adopt all necessary statutes and regulations respecting the election, number and powers of the officers ; the admission

and removal of members to and from the institution ; the manner of convening meetings of the chapter and council ; the date when the meetings shall be held ; the number of members required to form a quorum at such meetings ; the powers and attributes of the council ; and generally all such other regulations as may be necessary for the administration of the property and affairs of the said institution, the control and internal government of the members ; and from time to time to alter and repeal the same wholly or partly ; provided such by-laws are not contrary to the present act or to the laws in force in this Province.

Powers of
general coun-
cil.

4. The general council of the community shall be the executive body of the corporation, and it shall be its duty to exercise the powers mentioned in this act. It may appoint such officers and agents as may be necessary for the internal government of the houses and for the proper administration of the property and affairs of the corporation, both at the principal establishment and in the branches.

Purchase, &c.
of property.

5. The corporation shall have power to purchase, acquire, hold, possess, accept and receive for the needs and purposes of the corporation, lands, tenements, hereditaments, constituted or other rents and generally all moveable and immoveable property whatsoever, in trust or otherwise, either by purchase, gift, legacy or otherwise and it may sell, alienate, convey, lease, transfer, exchange or otherwise dispose of the same under any title whatsoever for the same purposes, and may hypothecate its immoveables ; provided the value of the immoveables it may possess, shall not exceed two million dollars.

Establish-
ment of ma-
ternities, &c.

6. The said institution shall have the right to establish and found houses for maternity and for the practice of obstetrics, with dispensaries, nurseries, and orphan asylums for abandoned children, hospitals for the sick, training schools for nurses, with power to grant diplomas to those who successfully go through the course of study established in such schools.

Care, &c., of
children, in
nurseries, &c.

In the nurseries and orphan asylums of the institution, the latter may keep, care for, feed, clothe and teach children who have been abandoned by their mothers for six months, until they are sixteen years old, unless they be placed elsewhere before they have reached that age. It may watch over, control and place them accordingly as their moral and physical needs may require as parents may do. It may reclaim them when necessary if it finds that they are being ill-treated or badly brought up.

Boarding, &c.
of certain
persons.

The community may receive and board persons who wish to put themselves under the care of the sisters of the community,

also sick, aged or infirm priests or priests who have withdrawn from active duties, and generally do and perform all charitable and benevolent works.

7. Properties used as houses in which are chapels for divine worship, shall be exempt from the taxes levied for the construction and repair of churches and parsonages. Certain property exempt from certain taxes.

The corporation is considered to have been and is authorized to keep registers of civil status in its houses in addition to the registers in which the monastic vows are recorded. Registers of civil status.

8. The act of the former Province of Canada 12 Victoria, chapter 138, is repealed. 12 V., c. 138, repealed.

9. The corporation shall, when required so to do by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, give a detailed statement of the immoveables owned and possessed by it, as well as of the annual amount of its revenues. Statement of immoveables, &c.

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

C H A P . 151

An Act to incorporate Congregation Beth Judah, of Montreal

[Assented to 25th April, 1908]

WHEREAS, Samuel Guttman, Mendel Benjamin, Hermann Cohen, Isaac Moses, Jacob Herschkovitz, David Dorobanner and Abraham Barich, all of the city of Montreal, merchants, have, by their petition, represented that they belong to the Jewish religion and are adherents thereto, and that for the purposes of divine worship according to the tenets of the Jewish religion, 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, and do all acts that may be required for the purposes of its formation, and whereas it is expedient to grant their prayer ; Preamble.

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

1. Samuel Guttman, Mendel Benjamin, Hermann Cohen, Isaac Moses, Jacob Herschkovitz, David Dorobanner and Abraham Barich, and all other persons who may become Persons incorporated.