

CHAP. 115

An Act to incorporate *Les Syndics de l'École Saint Edouard à Beauport*

[Assented to 28th February, 1907]

Preamble.

WHEREAS Louis Anselme Déziel, priest ; Jules Bélanger, mayor, and Edmond Giroux, chairman of the Catholic school commissioners of the parish of Beauport, have, by their petition, represented :—

That by deed passed at Beauport, before Mtre J. D. Marcoux, notary, on the thirteenth day of October last, (1906), a gift *inter vivos* was made to *Abbé* Louis Anselme Déziel, priest, *curé* of the said parish of Beauport, to Mr. Jules Bélanger, mayor, and to Mr. Edmond Giroux, chairman of the Catholic school commissioners of the said parish, in their official quality respectively, and to their successors in office, of an extensive piece of land being number four hundred and sixty-eight, A-1 (468 A-1) of the official cadastre of the said parish of Beauport, with the buildings thereon erected, the said immoveable to be held in trust by the said donees, and their successors in office for the purpose of a primary parochial school in the said parish ;

That the said gift was so made, among other conditions, that the said donees were to apply to the Legislature of this Province at its then next session to obtain an act incorporating them and their successors under the name of “ *Les syndics de l'École Saint Edouard à Beauport* ”.

That in compliance with the request of the donors, the donees have set forth by their petition that the new foundation will render great services to the cause of education in the said parish, and have prayed to be constituted a body politic, to provide for the proper administration of the property entrusted to them as aforesaid ;

And whereas it is expedient to grant the prayer of 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 :

Persons incorporated.

Name.

1. *Abbé* Louis Anselme Déziel, priest, *curé* of Beauport, and Messrs Jules Bélanger, mayor and Edmond Giroux, chairman of the Catholic school commissioners of the said parish of Beauport, and their successors in office, are hereby incorporated under the name of “ *Les Syndics de l'École Saint Edouard à Beauport* ”, and under such name shall possess and administer the immoveable given to them as aforesaid, and may, by deeds *inter vivos* or by will, acquire and hold pro-

erty, plead and be impleaded, contract and generally have all corporate powers necessary for the proper working of the said school.

2. The property so held by the said trustees shall not, however, exceed in value the sum of fifty thousand dollars apart from the immoveable above mentioned and its furniture. Value of property to be held.

3. The said trustees shall hold and administer and retain the said property for the purposes of a primary school for the young boys of the parish of Beauport. They may admit children from neighboring places if they deem advisable. Primary school, &c.

4. They shall entrust the said school to a religious teaching congregation on such conditions as may be agreed upon between them and the congregation they may choose. School to be entrusted to religious teaching congregation.

5. In order that the said school may participate in the advantages granted by the law to public schools in the Province, the said trustees, the religious congregation in charge of the said school, and the Catholic school board having jurisdiction over the territory in which the said school is built, may enter into such arrangements as may be deemed advisable, to place the said school under the direction of the said school board. May enter into arrangements with Catholic school board.

6. No person shall be qualified to fill the office of trustee unless he be a Roman Catholic and a French-Canadian; in accordance with the terms of the gift above mentioned. Trustees; their qualifications.

In the event of the mayor not being qualified or refusing to fill the office thereof, he shall be replaced *de jure* by the oldest municipal councillor in office, possessing the qualifications above indicated and able to read and write. Replacement of mayor.

Should the chairman of the school board not be qualified or refuse to accept the office of trustee, he shall be replaced by the oldest of his colleagues on the board. Replacement of chairman.

If the *curé* refuses to accept or fill the said office, the two other trustees may act alone. Refusal of curé to accept.

7. The trustees shall act jointly and to that end shall meet from time to time, upon notice of the meeting being given by one of them to the two others, in writing, at least twenty-four hours beforehand, at their domicile or in person. Meetings of trustees, &c.

At every meeting of trustees duly convened, two among them may constitute a quorum and may transact business. Quorum.

8. The meetings of the trustees shall be presided over by the *curé*, and, in his absence, by the older of the other two. They shall be private. Chairman of meetings.

- 9.** Every resolution of the trustees may be referred by one of them to the ordinary of the diocese of Quebec, who may amend or cancel the same, and whose decision shall be final.
- 10.** The trustees themselves shall decide the places and dates of their meetings.
- 11.** The decision of the trustees shall be by the majority of the trustees present. In the absence of one of them, the chairman shall have a casting vote.
- 12.** The trustees shall keep a register of all their proceedings, and regular books of account. Such books and register shall remain deposited in the presbytery or in the school. Every trustee shall have access thereto at any time and may take or cause extracts to be taken therefrom.
- 13.** During the month of July of every year, at a meeting of the parishioners, convened by notice from the pulpit eight days beforehand, and held in the large school room, the trustees shall report on their administration during the previous school year.
- Copies of such reports attested by the trustees shall afterwards be sent, without delay, to the Archbishop of Quebec, to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, to the municipal council and to the Roman Catholic school board of Beauport.
- Such report shall be entered in the minute book of the trustees.
- 14.** If the school remains closed for more than twelve consecutive months after the first of September next, the said corporation shall be *de facto* dissolved and its property shall become the absolute property of the Seminary of Quebec.
- But if the closing of the school be caused through fire, the trustees shall have a delay of two years to rebuild and re-open the said school. After such delay the foregoing paragraph shall apply.
- 15.** After having provided for the needs of the said primary school, the trustees may use the premises and the available revenue remaining, for the purpose of receiving the young men of Beauport and of giving them an opportunity to instruct and amuse themselves.
- 16.** This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction.