

CHAP. 114

An Act to incorporate the Congregation Beth Israel (House of Israel)

[Assented to 25th April, 1903]

WHEREAS Moses Coviensky, Nathan Lande, Julius Cooper, Isaac Lande, Bernard Bavitz, Hirsh Cohen, Julius Isaac Cohen, Zebulon Gefen, Abraham Leavitt and Kisuel Glickman, all of the city and district of Montreal, merchants, have by petition, represented :

Preamble.

That they are resident and domiciled in the city of Montreal, and have been so resident and domiciled in such city for a number of years ;

That they profess the Jewish religion, and it is expedient that they should be incorporated as a religious corporation for the purposes of divine worship, and to acquire property in the name of such corporation, and to do all acts that may be required in connection with the profession of their religious belief, in the same manner as other Jewish corporations of a like nature ;

Whereas they have prayed to be incorporated under the name of Congregation Beth Israel (House of Israel) ; 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. Moses Coviensky, Nathan Lande, Julius Cooper, Isaac Lande, Bernard Bavitz, Hirsh Cohen, Julius Isaac Cohen, Zebulon Gefen, Abraham Leavitt and Kisuel Glickman, and all other persons who may hereafter become members, are hereby constituted a corporation under the name of " Congregation Beth Israel " (House of Israel.)

Certain persons incorporated.

Name.

2. All property, moveable and immoveable, now held in trust for the congregation shall be and is hereby transferred to and vested in the corporation ; and the corporation shall have and exercise all rights, and shall be subject to all the obligations contracted by it.

Certain property and rights vested in corporation, &c.

3. The corporation may have, hold and possess, and may acquire, by purchase, gift, will or otherwise, any immoveable property in and near the city of Montreal that may be required for a synagogue or place of worship, or for a house for the residence of the rabbi, or officiating minister, or for a cemetery or burial ground, or for any other purpose of the corporation, and may, at any time, sell the said

Power to hold, &c., real estate to certain extent and value.

property or any part thereof and acquire other immoveables in lieu of the same; provided always that the use of any land for a cemetery shall be subject to the laws respecting cemeteries; and provided further that the immoveable property held by the said corporation shall not exceed on the whole, the quantity of ten acres in superficial extent, and that the annual revenue or value thereof shall not exceed the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars.

Sale of excess of property.

4. In the event of the corporation receiving by gift or will any immoveable property in excess of that which it is hereby authorized to possess, the said gift or legacy shall not on that account be void; but the corporation shall be bound, within ten years from the date of its entering into undisturbed possession of the said gift or legacy, to sell and dispose of the said immoveable property or part of it, or some other of its immoveable property, in such manner that the immoveable property of the corporation shall not exceed in annual value the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars.

Power to make by-laws, &c.

5. The corporation shall have power to make by-laws for such congregation, with power to amend and repeal the same, from time to time, provided always that none of such by-laws be inconsistent with this act or with the laws of this province.

Corporation bound to keep registers of civil status.

6. The corporation shall keep registers for acts of civil status; and may, from time to time, appoint a rabbi, or officiating minister, and may remove him and appoint another or others in his place; and the rabbi or officiating minister of the said congregation is hereby authorized and empowered to keep the registers for acts of civil status, and to exercise all other powers appertaining to ministers of religious congregations.

9-10 George IV., c. 75, not to apply.

7. The act of the late Province of Lower Canada, 9-10 George IV., chapter 75, shall not apply to the members and officiating minister of the said congregation.

Certain act and by-laws to apply to corporation.

8. Nothing in this act shall prevent the provisions of the charter of the city of Montreal, or of the by-laws passed by the said city in accordance with its charter, or the provisions of the law governing public health, from applying to this corporation.

Coming into force.

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