

establish either a guarantee fund or a capital stock, or either, in connection with the operations under these by-laws.

Shares may be issued in one or more series and shall be subject to the conditions prescribed by the by-laws.

The association shall have the right to redeem such shares.

A portion of the shares may be issued as paid up shares.

Art. 15—The head office of the said association shall be in the city of Montreal.

CHAP. 122

An Act to consolidate the charter of *La Société des Artisans Canadiens-Français*

[Assented to 25th April, 1903]

Preamble.

WHEREAS the French Canadian Artisans' Society of the city of Montreal has, by petition, represented :

That it was founded by Louis Archambault, Joseph Mercier, Pierre Giguère, Isidore Paquette, Toussaint Labelle, Edouard Grondin, Pierre Desautels, Léandre Lamontagne, Jean Baptiste Bélanger and others, under the act 40 Victoria, chapter 63, with a view of fraternal brotherhood and mutual protection, of securing to the widows and heirs of persons belonging to it pecuniary assistance by means of an indemnity, payable on the death of its members ;

That the last convention of the society has made important changes in its by-laws, and it has prayed that the charter be amended accordingly ;

Whereas an application to that effect is contained in the said petition, and it is expedient to grant the same ;

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

Certain persons incorporated.

Name and corporate powers.

1. The members of the said society are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate under the name of "*La Société des Artisans Canadiens-Français*"; and, under such name, they may exercise all the general powers vested in bodies politic ; sue and be sued ; acquire, hold and possess all moveable and immoveable property, and hypothecate, alienate, lease or otherwise dispose of the same, in whole or in part, and acquire others in lieu thereof ; provided such immoveables do not exceed in annual value the sum of ten thousand dollars.

- 2.** The corporate seat of the society shall be in Montreal. Corporate seat
- 3.** The society is governed as follows : Government of society.
- (a) By a convention, the composition and powers whereof are hereinafter set forth ;
- (b) By an executive council, the members whereof must reside in Montreal or in the banlieue.
- 4.** The convention alone has the right to pass by-laws for the society ; but the by-laws shall not enter into force until after they have been approved of by the Lieutenant-Governor in council. Convention alone to pass by-laws. Approval required.
- 5.** The convention shall consist of : Composition of convention.
- (a) An executive council ;
- (b) Delegates of the branches ;
- (c) All the general ex-presidents who have held such office for at least one full term, and have not ceased to be members of the society.
- 6.** The executive council administers the affairs of the society. It consists of twelve directors and three censors, all elected by the convention. Composition and powers of executive council.
- 7.** No sum of money, to which a member or any of the heirs or legal representatives of a deceased member may be entitled under the by-laws, is liable to seizure, either before or after judgment, except for the debts due to the society itself. Money granted by society not liable to seizure, &c.
- 8. 1.** The indemnity payable at death, is payable only to the following persons : the wife or fiancée, child, child by legal adoption, parent, parent by legal adoption, or any other person who, for his or her support, depends upon a member to whom the certificate is delivered. To whom indemnity payable at death is to be paid.
- 2** A description of the beneficiary must be contained in the application for admission, and the certificate of endowment must mention the same. Description of beneficiary.
- 3.** The members are entitled, on making a written application to that effect, to change the beneficiaries at any time, and without the consent of the latter. Change of beneficiary.
- 4.** If a member has no known parent, nor wife, nor fiancée, nor any person depending upon him for his or her support, he may, with the consent of the executive council, designate any other person as his beneficiary. Beneficiary designated with consent of corporation.

Payment to
whom made
in absence of
beneficiaries.

5. In default of beneficiaries duly designated, or if they die before the member, the indemnity shall be paid as follows :

- (a) To the widow of the deceased member ;
- (b) If the member leaves no widow, to his children and the children of his children ;
- (c) If he leaves neither wife nor child, to his assigns or lawful heirs.

Moneys paid
by society not
to be deemed
to come from
deceased's
estate, &c.

6. The indemnity payable at death is not deemed to be derived from the estate nor from the community of property of the deceased member ; and the receipt of such amount by a beneficiary does not constitute an acceptance of the succession or of the community of property which existed for his benefit.

Payment to
discharge
society.

7. The payment of such sum, thirty days after receiving a notice of death, to any person appearing to be legally entitled thereto, fully discharges the society.

Present by-
laws.

9. The present by-laws shall continue in force in all their clauses not inconsistent with this act, until repealed or changed by the convention.

40 V., c. 63,
45 V., c. 76 ;
58 V., c. 80,
1 Ed. VII.,
c. 79, re-
pealed, &c.

10. The acts of this province, 40 Victoria, chapter 63, 45, Victoria, chapter 76, 58 Victoria, chapter 80, and 1 Edward VII, chapter 79, are repealed, the society assuming all the obligations of the late French Canadian Artisans' Society of the city of Montreal, and being subrogated in all its rights.

Certain
branches not
to be abolish-
ed, &c.

11. Nothing in this act shall be interpreted as permitting the executive council to suspend or abolish existing branches which comply with the by-laws.

Coming into
force.

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