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CHAP. 106

An Act to change the name of the Young Men's Hebrew Benevolent Society of Montreal to "Baron de Hirsch Institute and Hebrew Benevolent Society of Montreal," and to extend its powers

[Assented to 23rd March, 1900]

WHEREAS The Young Men's Hebrew Benevolent Society of Montreal has, by its petition, among other things, represented that the said society was founded on the 23rd July, 1863, and was incorporated on the 16th November 1870, under chapter 71 of the Consolidated Statutes of Canada, for the purpose of assisting and granting relief to the needy and distressed of the Hebrew faith, that the calls upon the society have constantly increased and that it has been required to extend its sphere of action, that it has received large donations from the late Baron Maurice de Hirsch of Gereuth, wherewith it was enabled to purchase for its home the building bearing the civic number 7, St. Elizabeth street, in the city of Montreal, and which it named the "Baron de Hirsch Institute;" that, since its acquisition of the said building, the said society has been frequently called and been referred to as the "Baron de Hirsch Institute," and in that name a legacy of 600,000 francs was bequeathed to it by the late Baroness Clara de Hirsch of Gereuth, that it is desirable to change the name of the said society, so as to perpetuate the memory of its said benefactors, to authorize it to receive and give a discharge for the said legacy and to extend the objects of the said society, and has prayed for the passing of an act to that effect ;

And whereas it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition ;

Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows :

Name changed and powers, &c., under new name.

1. The name of The Young Men's Hebrew Benevolent Society of Montreal is hereby changed to "Baron de Hirsch Institute and Hebrew Benevolent Society of Montreal," which is constituted a body politic and corporate, and as such shall have and hold and continue to exercise all the rights powers and privileges held, exercised and enjoyed by the said Young Men's Hebrew Benevolent Society of Montreal, and shall be subject to all the obligations contracted by it.

Objects of corporation.

2. The said corporation is empowered to grant relief to sick and indigent persons of the Hebrew faith, to establish a home or refuge for the distressed, aged and orphans of the said faith, to provide a burial ground for the interment of their dead poor, to conduct schools for general instruction and manual training of the needy of the said faith, to found a cadet corps in conjunction with said schools, to assist emigrants and settlers of the said faith to establish themselves in any of the provinces or territories of the Dominion of Canada, and to maintain all works of a charitable, patriotic or philanthropic nature for the amelioration of the condition of the Jewish poor ; and for the better performing of any of the said objects the said corporation is authorized to enter into contracts or agreements and to co-operate with any person, society or corporation.

Certain acts, &c., ratified.

All acts done or works undertaken by The Young Men's Hebrew Benevolent Society of Montreal, which would come within the above provisions, are hereby ratified.

Head office.

3. The principal place of business of the said corporation shall be in the city of Montreal.

General power to hold, &c., property.

4. The corporation may hold, acquire and receive, by purchase, gift, will, legacy, transfer, exchange and under every other legal title, for the purposes of the corporation, all moveable and immoveable property whatsoever, either as owners or in trust ; provided that the annual revenue from such immoveables, over and above the value of the immoveable property occupied for the purposes of the corporation, shall not exceed the sum of twenty thousand dollars.

Value limited.

Power to sell, &c.

The corporation may also sell, transfer, lease or exchange any of the said moveable or immoveable property, or otherwise dispose of the same.

The corporation, however, shall not purchase or sell any of its immoveable property, without the consent of three-fourths of the members present at a meeting convened for such purpose, by written notice, at least ten days prior to the holding thereof. Consent required to purchase, &c., immoveables.

5. All moveable and immoveable property belonging to, or held in trust for, or now or hereafter donated or bequeathed to "The Young Men's Hebrew Benevolent Society of Montreal" or the "Baron de Hirsch Institute of Montreal," shall be and are hereby transferred to, and vested in the corporation hereby constituted, and the said corporation is further empowered to receive the legacy of 600,000 francs bequeathed to the Baron de Hirsch Institute of Montreal, Canada, by the late Baroness Clara de Hirsch of Gerenth, and to grant a full and legal discharge therefor. Property vested in corporation.

6. The corporation is authorized to transfer to the Jewish Colonization Association for whom it acquired the same in trust, or to any person or persons who may be designated by said Association, all patents for homesteads, statutory and chattel liens, mortgages and other rights which may have been granted or secured to The Young Men's Hebrew Benevolent Society of Montreal, in trust or otherwise, in respect of settlers or others whom it may have assisted, and of their lands, stock, implements and effects generally, in the North West Territories of Canada, the transferee or transferees assuming all the obligations contracted by or in the name of the said society in respect of such settlers or others. Power to transfer certain property, &c.

7. The corporation may invest its moneys, and, may, from time to time, vary such investments, but only in stock or public securities of the United Kingdom, of the Dominion of Canada or of the Provinces thereof, or in municipal stocks or debentures. Investment of moneys.

8. The corporation shall have power to collect and enforce by suit at law or other legal process, the payment of all subscriptions which may be imposed by the by-laws and all contributions which may have been voluntarily made to it; but any member may withdraw from the corporation on payment of any subscription or contribution due by him. Collection of subscriptions. Withdrawal of members.

9. No member of the corporation shall be liable for any of the debts thereof, beyond the amount of any subscription which may be due by such member in virtue of the by-laws. Limitation of liability.

Power to pass
by-laws for
administra-
tion of cor-
poration, &c.

10. The corporation has full power and authority to pass such by-laws, rules and regulations, which it may deem useful and necessary for its interests, for the administration and improvement of its property and affairs, for the investment of its monies, for acquiring or disposing of its property, for the management of the society and its internal government, for the admission and expulsion of its members, and the subscriptions to be paid by them ; for the powers and duties of its directors, officers and employees, as well as for their removal, and for all other purposes not inconsistent with the laws of the province ; and such by-laws, rules and regulations at its pleasure to modify, amend, suspend, repeal or replace.

By-laws of
present so-
ciety con-
tinued.

The by-laws of The Young Men's Hebrew Benevolent Society of Montreal, which are not inconsistent with the provisions of this act, shall be the by-laws of the corporation hereby constituted, until they shall be repealed or amended by the corporation aforesaid.

Present offi-
cers con-
tinued in
office.

The present officers of The Young Men's Hebrew Benevolent Society of Montreal shall be the officers of the present corporation and shall remain in office until replaced under the said by-laws.

Coming into
force.

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

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