

CAP. LXXIX

An Act to incorporate the Catholic High School
of Montreal.

[Assented to 10th March, 1899.]

WHEREAS it is desirable to promote the education of youth in this province, and whereas the persons hereinafter named, by their petition, have applied to be incorporated under the name of the "Catholic High School of Montreal," for the purposes in said petition mentioned; and whereas it is just to grant the prayer of the said petitioners;

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

1. The Reverend John Quinlivan, parish priest of St. Patrick's parish, the Honorable Sir William H. Hingston, doctor of medicine, senator, the Honorable James O'Brien, senator, the Honorable James John Edmund Guerin, doctor of medicine, member of the Executive Council of the Province of Quebec, the Honorable John J. Curran, one of the Justices of Her Majesty's Superior Court, the Reverend James McCallen, priest, Charles F. Smith, manufacturer, president of the Board of Trade, Frank J. Hart, merchant, Michael Fitzgibbon, importer, the Reverend William O'Meara, parish priest, the Reverend Peter Francis O'Donnell, parish priest, the Reverend John Donnelly, parish priest, the Reverend Edouard Strubbe, priest, James McShane, merchant, Michael Burke, merchant, William McNally, merchant, John G. Kennedy, merchant, Bernard J. Coghlin, merchant, John P. Whelan, contractor, William H. Doran, architect, John Semple, merchant, John Killoran, gentleman, Felix Casey, merchant, John Meagher, merchant, Patrick O'Brien, grocer, Thomas Heffernan, contractor, Bernard Tansey, gentlemen, Patrick McCrory, merchant, Martin Eagan, merchant, John Barry, merchant, Joseph A. Fowler, professor of music, William H. Cunningham, sculptor, John Dwane, merchant, John Crowe, locksmith, Patrick Wright, merchant, Francis B. McNamee, contractor, all of the city and district of Montreal, and such other persons who shall hereafter be admitted to membership, are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, under the name of the "Catholic High School of Montreal," with a corporate seal and perpetual succession.

2. The corporation may sue and be sued in any and all courts of law or equity in its own corporate name, and shall possess all the rights, powers and obligations of a corporation, and no personal responsibility shall devolve upon any member of the said corporation for the debts, engagements or obligations of the corporation.

Power to establish school, &c., to teach certain branches.

3. The corporation is hereby empowered to establish a school in the city of Montreal, to be known as the "Catholic High School of Montreal," with branches in the city of Montreal and elsewhere, and to give therein a course of instruction in religion, in English, French and other languages, in reading, arithmetic, mathematics, history, literature and arts, including fine arts, sculpture, drawing, modelling in clay or otherwise, architecture and mechanical arts, and trades generally, and in all other branches of the sciences and of education generally, which may be deemed advisable to be introduced from time to time by the said corporation, with power to grant certificates and diplomas of competency and excellence to graduates, deserving the same in the divers branches.

Head-office.

4. The head-office of the corporation shall be in the city of Montreal.

Affiliation to any university, &c.

5. The corporation may affiliate to any university, college or school.

Power to acquire, &c., property.

6. The corporation may purchase, acquire, receive by donation, legacy or otherwise, and possess by every other kind of legal title for the purposes of the said corporation, without any further authorization, every kind of moveable or immoveable property.

Power to lease, &c., same.

7. The corporation may sell, lease, lend, alienate and dispose of such property, and may invest and spend the property of said corporation, for the purposes and requirements of the same.

Power to borrow, &c.

8. The corporation may borrow money, issue notes, negotiable paper and debentures upon its own credit, and may contract and obligate itself for the purchase of real or moveable property and may mortgage and hypothecate its property for the purpose of borrowing for all matters concerning the successful prosecution of the objects of the said corporation.

Application of corporation moneys.

9. The moneys of the corporation may be expended in building school-houses or any other buildings or structures, or be invested or disposed of in such manner as may be provided by the regulations of the corporation.

Members of corporation.

10. There shall be an indefinite number of members who may be of three classes, honorary governors, life governors, and annual subscribing members, all of whom may be admitted under the conditions prescribed by any regulations enacted to govern the same.

11. The business of the corporation shall be conducted by a governing board which shall alone make the rules, regulations and ordinances of the corporation. Governing board

12. The governing board shall consist of :

Composition of board.

1. The pastor of St. Patrick's parish, and in case of a vacancy in the pastorate, the acting pastor of St. Patrick's parish, who shall at all times be *ex-officio* chairman of the governing board ;

2. Two priests to be appointed, from among the clergy of the English speaking Catholic parishes of the city of Montreal, by the Catholic archbishop ; such priests to be so appointed annually, and to be replaced, in the event of a vacancy occurring during the year, for which any appointment has been made, by another priest chosen by the said archbishop from among the priests of the parishes aforesaid ;

3. Six other persons who shall be elected by a majority of the life governors and annual subscribing members present and voting at an annual or special meeting. These six shall be known as representative members.

13. Two of the six representative members shall retire each year, and their successors shall be elected for three years ; those to retire at the end of the first and second years shall be chosen by lot. Retiring members shall at all times be eligible for re-election. Replacing of representative members.

14. Vacancies occurring amongst the representative members shall be filled by a majority of the members of the governing board present at any meeting thereof called for the purpose ; those so chosen shall serve only for the remainder of the term of office of those whom they replace. Vacancies among representative members.

15. There shall be a first or provisional board, which shall consist of the pastor of St. Patrick's parish and of the priests to be appointed as hereinabove provided, and of the following seven petitioners : Frank J. Hart, Patrick McCrory, Felix Casey, John Meagher, John Killoran, Thomas Heffernan and Patrick O'Brien, who shall retain office till a general meeting of the corporation be called to elect the members of the governing board. Provisional board, its composition and term of office.

It shall be the duty of the chairman of the board to call together the petitioners herein mentioned to elect the representative members. Election of representative members.

The chairman shall call this meeting within three months from the coming into force of this act. Time for election.

16. For the good government of the corporation, the governing board alone shall have power and authority to establish all rules, regulations and ordinances, which may Power of governing body.

not be contrary to the laws of this province, for the government of the said corporation, and of its affairs and property of any description, real or personal, as well as for the admission, dismissal and qualification of the present petitioners and of all members of the said corporation, as for all other purposes tending to promote the welfare and interest of the said corporation, and shall have power to amend, change or repeal, from time to time, the said rules, regulations and ordinances in such manner as the board may deem necessary or expedient, and shall generally have a right to transact all business incidental to the objects of the corporation in its corporate name, with all the rights incidental to a body corporate.

Return to the
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17. The corporation shall, when required by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, transmit to the Provincial Secretary a statement of its immoveables and of the number of pupils who attend the school, and all other information required by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Coming into
force.

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

CAP. LXXX

An Act to amend the act incorporating the Shawinigan Water and Power Company.

[Assented to 10th March, 1899.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS the Shawinigan Water and Power Company has, by its petition, represented that it was incorporated by the act 61 Victoria, chapter 70, and has prayed that the said act be amended in the manner hereinafter mentioned; 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 :

61 V., c. 70,
s. 29, replaced.

1. Section 29 of the act 61 Victoria, chapter 70, is replaced by the following :

Power to ex-
propriate
land, &c., for
company's
purposes, &c.

"29. The company is authorized to expropriate, on the said St. Maurice River, such land adjacent to or connected with the water powers on such river, at or near the said Shawinigan Falls, as may be required for the development and utilization of water power and for the exercise of any of the powers conferred on the company by sections 2 and 8 of the said act; and to that end the company may desist from any expropriation pro-