

CAP. XCIV

An Act to amend and consolidate the charter of *La Société des Artisans Canadiens-Français* of the city of Montreal.

[Assented to 25th February, 1899]

Preamble.

WHEREAS the *Société des Artisans Canadiens-Français*, of the city of Montreal, has by petition represented :

That it was founded by Louis Archangeault, Joseph Mercier, Pierre Giguère, Isidore Paquette, Toussaint Labelle, Edouard Grondin, Pierre Désautels, Léandre Lamontagne, Jean-Baptiste Bélanger and others, under the authority of the act 40 Victoria, chapter 63, amended by the act 45 Victoria, chapter 76, and by the act 58 Victoria, chapter 80, with a view to fraternal union and mutual protection, and for securing to the widows and heirs of all persons belonging to such association, or who might thereafter form part thereof, pecuniary assistance by means of an indemnity, payable at the death of such persons ;

That it has greatly prospered and has spread throughout the Province, and even outside of the same ;

Whereas it has prayed that the various acts concerning it be consolidated and amended, the better to meet its object, and its present requirements ; and whereas under the circumstances it is expedient to grant its prayer, although not asked for by the general meeting of members, but by the board of direction and by almost all the branches.

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

Persons incorporated.

1. The said society, and such other persons as now are members of the said association, or who shall hereafter become members thereof under the provisions of the present act, shall be and are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate under the name of *La Société des Artisans Canadiens-Français*, and under such name may exercise all the general powers with which corporations are vested, may sue and be sued, may acquire, hold and possess all property, moveable and immoveable, and may hypothecate, alienate, lease or otherwise dispose of the same in whole or in part, from time to time, and as occasion may require, and acquire others in the place thereof ; provided that the said immoveable property does not exceed in annual value the sum of ten thousand dollars.

Name.

General powers.

Value of immoveables.

Government of society :
Convention ;

2. The society shall be governed as follows :

1. By a convention composed as hereinafter set forth, and whose powers are hereinafter indicated.

2. By a central board of management or executive council appointed and elected in the manner hereinafter provided. Central board of management.

3. The convention has exclusive power to make and pass the by-laws governing the society, and to amend, alter or modify the same when necessary, which by-laws shall not be contrary to the present act. Powers to make by-laws.

4. The convention has full power to determine the conditions upon which a person may become, or continue to be a member, to fix the rate of contribution and the benefit to be received by each of its members, in case of illness or of death, the place and time at which such contribution and benefit shall be payable, and generally to make all the by-laws suitable for securing the proper working of the society. Conditions of membership, &c.

5. The convention shall consist, in addition to the *ex-officio* members hereinafter indicated, of the delegates of the various branches, in the proportion of one delegate to every two hundred members, a proportion which may be altered, from time to time, by the convention, elected as follows : Composition of convention.

(a) Each branch has a right to elect one delegate whatever may be the number of its members up to two hundred. Election of delegates.

(b) Each branch is further entitled to elect an additional delegate for every two hundred members on its list, over and above the two hundred members mentioned in the preceding paragraph. Such delegates shall be elected at a general meeting of the members of each branch. The date of such meeting shall be determined by by-law. Additional delegates.

6. The place of business of the society shall be fixed at Montreal, and the central board of management shall be there established. The conventions or meetings of the delegates shall also be held there, except when, upon a vote of two-thirds of the members present, the convention decides upon sitting elsewhere at places which it shall indicate. Head office.

7. The central board of management or executive council shall manage or administer the affairs of the society. Powers of central board.

It shall consist of ten directors and of three censors, all elected by the convention, which directors and censors shall reside in the city of Montreal or in the banlieue of the city. The members of the central board, as well as the founder Louis Archambault, the present general president Theodore A. Grothé, and the ex-general presidents up to this day, shall be members *ex-officio* of the convention. Composition of board.

The quorum of such board shall be seven, to wit six directors and one censor. The duration of the term of office of the members of the executive council shall be determined by by-law. Quorum. Term of office.

Establishment of branches.

8. The central board of management, by a vote of two-thirds of the board and of the censors, jointly, has power to establish branches of the society in accordance with the by-laws wherever the number of members may justify the same.

Benefits not liable to seizure, &c..

9. No sum of money, to which any member or any of the heirs or legal representatives of a deceased member may be entitled to under this act and the by-laws of the society, shall be liable to seizure either before or after judgment, except for the payment of debts due to the society itself.

Proviso.

Disposal of benefits, &c.

10. It shall be lawful for the members of the society to dispose, by will or otherwise, of any sum which the society grants to them at their death. In the absence of any provision in the manner aforesaid, the rights of the members shall, at their decease, devolve as follows :

1. To the widow of the deceased member ;
2. If he leaves no widow, to his children ;
3. If he leaves neither widow nor children, to his lawful heirs.

The payment of the said sum, thirty days after receipt of the notice of death, to any person or persons appearing to have a legal right thereto, shall entirely discharge the society.

Present members of central board continued in office.

11. Members of the central board of management, in office at the time of the coming into force of this act, as well as the censors, shall be the members of the executive council established by this act, until replaced at the first regular convention. The convention must be held within three months from the sanction of this act, at the call of the central board.

When convention to meet.

First general meeting of branches for election of delegates.

Within two months from the sanction of this act, each branch shall convene a general meeting of its members for the election of its officers according to the present mode and by-laws, and also for the election of its delegates to the first convention, in accordance with the rules laid down in this act. Within the same delay, the members belonging to the central board shall meet to elect their delegates to the said convention in the same manner and on the same basis as the branches.

Present by-laws, &c., continued.

12. The present by-laws shall continue to be in force in all their clauses not inconsistent with this act, so long as they are not repealed or altered by the regular convention established by this act.

40 V., c. 63, 45 V., c. 76, and 58 V., c. 80, repealed, &c.

13. The acts of this Province 40 Victoria, chapter 63, 45 Victoria chapter 76, and 58 Victoria, chapter 80, are repealed, the society assuming all the obligations of the former *Société des Artisans Canadiens-Français de la cité de Montréal*.

14. The by-laws of the society shall come into force only after being approved by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council. Coming into force of by-laws.

15. The expenses occasioned by the convention, shall be paid by the society generally. Expenses of conventions.

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

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An act to incorporate the *Société Ecclésiastique de Secours Mutuels du Sacré-Cœur de Jésus*, in the diocese of Chicoutimi.

[Assented to 10th March, 1899]

WHEREAS the Very Reverend Michel Thomas Labrecque, Bishop of Chicoutimi and François Xavier Belley, vicar general, and the reverend Charles Léon Parent, vicar forane, Victor A. Huard, J. Alfred Tremblay, Elzéar Delamarre, Eugène Lapointe, directors and members of the society, have by petition represented that *La Société Ecclésiastique de Secours Mutuels du Sacré Cœur de Jésus de Chicoutimi* has been constituted for the purpose of assisting the members of the society in case of illness, old age or incapacity, and have prayed, in their own name and on behalf of the other members of the society, to be incorporated to secure to its members and their successors all the benefits resulting from such incorporation; and whereas it is expedient to grant their prayer;

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

1. The said Very Reverend Michel Thomas Lebreque, Bishop of Chicoutimi, and François Xavier Belley, vicar general, and the reverend Chs. Léon Parent, vicar forane, Victor A. Huard, J. Alfred Tremblay, Elzéar Delamarre and Eugene Lapointe, directors and members of the said society, and such other priests as now are or may hereafter become members of the said society, in virtue of the present act and of the by-laws and statutes of the said society, shall be and are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate under the name of: *Société Ecclésiastique de Secours Mutuels de Sacré-Cœur de Jésus de Chicoutimi*, and under such name may at any time purchase, acquire, possess, hold, exchange and receive for themselves and for their successors, for the use and purposes of the corporation, immoveable property in this province not exceeding the annual value of four Persons incorporated.

Name.
Powers to hold, &c., immoveable property to certain value, &c.