

## CAP. LXXXIII.

## An Act to incorporate The Catholic Society of Mutual Aid.

[Assented to 12th January, 1895.]

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS the persons hereinafter named have, by petition, prayed to be incorporated, and 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 :

Persons incorporated.

**1.** Timothy J. Finn, T. P. Tansey, A. H. Spedding, J. Kenny, C. E. Olivier, P. Doyle, M. Murphy, C. Daudelin, J. Coffey, all of the city and district of Montreal ; W. J. Power, of Halifax, Nova Scotia ; G. B. Lamarche, of St. Vincent de Paul ; C. D. Hébert, of Three Rivers ; P. J. Montreuil, of Levis ; P. McCoal, of North Bay, and such other persons as now are or may hereafter become members of the said association, are hereby incorporated under the name of " The Catholic Society of Mutual Aid," hereinafter called the " association," for the following purposes and objects :

Name.

Object of incorporation.

**1.** To unite in a common brotherhood all persons entitled to become members of the association under its constitution and laws ; and the word " laws " shall include general laws and statutes ;

**2.** To give every possible moral and material assistance to its members and to those who are dependent on them ;

**3.** To promote the social, moral and intellectual education of its members ;

**4.** To establish a benefit fund for its members who are sick, in misfortune and unable to work ;

**5.** To pay a benefit to members as aid for funeral expenses, on the death of their wives ;

**6.** To insure its members in an insurance company of Canada against death by accident, with compensation for loss of sight or of a limb or for any other wounds, to an amount of one hundred and fifty dollars per member, and for one year ;

**7.** To pay such sum, as the association may deem advisable to determine by its constitution, on the death of one of its members, to his legal heirs or representatives.

Head office.

**2.** The head office of the association shall be in the city of Montreal.

Branches.

**3.** Branches of the association may be founded in any place in this Province, and each branch shall bear the name of " ..... Branch of the Catholic Society of Mutual Aid."

Such branches shall constitute corporations and bodies politic, subject to the constitution and laws of the association ; but no branches so founded shall have the right to establish benefit funds under paragraphs 4, 5, 6 and 7 of section 1 of this act.

Branches to be corporations.

4. The value of the real estate which may be held by the association shall not exceed fifty thousand dollars ; and the association may, by its laws, determine how such real estate shall be held and transferred, without prejudice to the laws of the Province ; provided, always, that no money of the endowment funds shall be used for that purpose.

Value of real estate to be held, &c.

5. The management of the association shall be entrusted to a number of trustees, composed of one trustee for each branch, who shall be elected according to the constitution and by-laws of such branch.

Management of corporation.

6. Seven members of the board of trustees shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Quorum of board.

7. Every two years, the trustees shall elect a president, a vice-president, a second vice-president, a secretary, a treasurer, a marshal, a guard, a finance committee and an executive committee composed of the president, secretary, treasurer, and four members of the board of trustees.

Election of officers, and executive committee.

8. The executive committee shall draw up forms and by-laws and shall transact the affairs of the association during the recess of the board of trustees ; and it shall have the same powers as the board of trustees in session, except that of altering, modifying or amending the by-laws or of electing officers.

Power of executive committee to pass by-laws, &c.

9. The committee shall meet as often as shall be necessary, at the call of the president or the majority of the members of the committee.

Meeting of committee.

Five members of the executive committee shall constitute a quorum.

Quorum.

10. Within thirty days following his admission, each member shall receive a certificate by which the association undertakes to pay him as follows :

Notice to member on election.

1. Five dollars per week in case of a long illness or of an accident preventing him from working ; such payments not to be made for more than fifteen consecutive weeks during the same twelve months, and the benefit to be payable only if the illness or inability to work lasts at least two weeks ;

Obligations to members.

2. The sum of fifty dollars upon the death of the wife of a member, provided she was in good health when such member was admitted a member of the association ;

3. A benefit at the death of one of its members, which shall be determined by the executive committee, and be payable to his wife or to his children, or to his legal representatives, as the case may be.

Certain funds created.  
Benefit fund.

**11.** There shall be a benefit fund and a general fund.

The benefit fund shall be eighty per cent of all moneys received by the treasurer, and no cheque can be drawn on such fund except to pay the benefits for funerals, illness, and injuries caused by accidents.

General fund.

The general fund shall consist of twenty per cent of all moneys received by the treasurer, and shall be employed in paying expenses of management, such as stationery, postage stamps, rent, remuneration of officers, and all necessary expenses.

Application of surplus.

When such fund shall exceed the expenses, the board of trustees may order that the surplus, or a portion thereof, be carried to the benefit fund.

Power of executive committee as to claims.

**12.** The executive committee may refuse to pay the claim or claims of a member who makes false returns and conceals facts or feigns illness or inability to work, and may cancel such member's certificate of admission.

Distant member.

**13.** Every member of the association residing in a place where there is no branch, shall be considered as a distant member, and shall pay to the general secretary direct.

Deposit of moneys.

**14.** The moneys of the association shall be deposited in an incorporated bank of Canada, approved by the executive committee and having a place of business in the Province of Quebec.

Amendment of constitution, &c.

**15.** The constitution and by-laws of the association may be altered or amended according to law at the biennial meetings of the board of trustees, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

Recovery of contributions.

**16.** All contributions imposed upon members and all debts due to it shall be recovered by the association before any competent court.

Coming into force.

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