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Power given to assist member on the death of his wife.

1. The said society shall have the right to give to any of its members, on the death of his wife, such assistance as it may deem advisable to determine by by-law, and the by-law already passed on the subject by the said society shall hereafter have force of law, and shall continue in force until amended or repealed.

Reserve fund authorized to be established.

2. The said society shall also have the right to establish a reserve fund, out of the yearly receipts or revenues, to the extent of one half of its capital, out of which reserve the society shall pay no percentage to its members as aid, and it shall be employed solely in paying its obligations in the event of its capital becoming insufficient through unforeseen causes.

Coming into force.

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

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An Act to consolidate the charter of the "*Congrégation Saint Michel de Sorel*."

[Assented to 8th January, 1894.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is expedient to revise and consolidate the act of incorporation of the "*Congrégation St. Michel de Sorel*," (27 Victoria, chapter 85), and to grant more ample powers to the said corporation ;

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

27 V., c. 85, replaced.

1. The act 27 Victoria, chapter 85, is repealed and replaced by the present act.

Corporation constituted.

2. The present members of the corporation, and those who shall become members hereafter, are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, under the name of the "*Congrégation Saint Michel de Sorel*."

Name.

Present officers continued.

2. The officers of the corporation, named and elected in virtue of the said act, and now in office, shall remain, and they are hereby continued in their respective offices, until they shall be regularly and legally replaced.

Present rules, regulations, &c., continued.

The rules, regulations and ordinances, made and adopted by the members of the corporation at a meeting of the same,

or by the said officers, and now in force, shall continue to have full force and effect until regularly rescinded, amended or repealed under this act.

3. The object of the corporation is to assist its members Object of corporation in case of sickness or inability to work, and to grant assistance and confer other benefits upon the widows, children, heirs or legatees of such members.

4. The head office of the corporation shall be in the city Head office. of Sorel.

5. The corporation constituted by this act shall have General powers. perpetual succession and may :

1. Sue and be sued before all courts of justice ;

2. Acquire, hold, accept and receive, under any title whatsoever, gratuitous or onerous, *inter vivos* or by will, all lands, tenements and heritages, and all landed property or immovables in the Province, the annual value whereof does not exceed the sum of ten thousand dollars, and may lease, hypothecate, sell or otherwise dispose of the same and acquire others in their place ;

3. Sign, draw, endorse, transfer and consent to notes, bills of exchange, obligations, guarantees and all other securities whatsoever, whether negotiable or not, in the fulfilment of the powers, rights and privileges conferred upon it by this act, and of all the duties and obligations which devolve upon it.

6. The rents, revenues and profits of the corporation shall Application of revenues to certain purposes. be affected to and used in the assistance of its members, in the construction and repair of buildings necessary for the purposes of the corporation, and for the payment of all legitimate expenses in connection with the above object.

7. The surplus of the revenue and profits of the corporation may be deposited in some chartered bank, or used Application of surplus revenues. in the purchase or putting up of buildings, or be loaned to *fabriques* or municipalities, or otherwise invested in mortgages or in the purchase of obligations, as the members of the corporation shall decide in general meeting.

8. All moveable or immovable property now belonging Present property vested in corporation. to the corporation, and all assets, rights or claims whatsoever, all subscriptions, contributions and fines in its possession, as well as its debts and obligations, are hereby vested in the corporation, which may, in its corporate name, exercise all the rights and actions relating thereto.

Power of majority to make regulations for certain purposes.

9. The majority of the members present at a general meeting of the corporation has power to make and adopt regulations :

1. For its good government and its internal economy ;
2. For the admission of members, their dismissal, or for the striking of their names from the roll of active members ;
3. For fixing the amount of the contributions, not exceeding fifty cents, to be paid by members, as well as the amount of aid to be paid to members who may be sick or unable to work, or to the orphans of deceased members ;
4. For determining the amount of aid to be allowed to the widows, heirs and legatees of deceased members, the time when such aid shall be paid, and the contribution, not exceeding one dollar, which, for that purpose, shall be exacted from members ; and for granting aid to those members who may become widowers, and determining in what cases such aid shall be granted ;
5. For establishing such restrictions as the corporation shall deem proper in connection with such aid and the enjoyment thereof ;
6. For assisting aged members who are not sick, but who are unable to perform any remunerative labour, by remitting the whole of their contributions, which shall moreover be deducted from the compensation to be paid to their widows or legal representatives, or be recovered in such other manner as the corporation shall decide ;
7. For levying upon members the cost of collecting their arrears, besides the interest ;
8. For imposing a fine, not exceeding two dollars, for each infringement of the by-laws.

Further power of majority.

10. The majority of the members present at a general meeting may also :

1. Enter into covenants and agreements, either with any member attacked by disease, ascertained to be incurable, or who has become incapable of doing any work for the rest of his life, or with his wife duly authorized, or legal representatives, for the purpose of redeeming, for a fixed and specified amount, the aid due in case of illness, and to which such member is entitled, as well as the compensation which his family or representatives might claim in the event of his death, and, by anticipation, and as if such member were dead, exact from each of the members his share of the amount agreed upon for such redemption ;
2. Order that, by such redemption, the sick member, whose rights have been redeemed, shall no longer, during his life, nor shall his heirs or legatees, after his death, have any right to participate in the benefits of the corporation ;
3. Order that, in future, the members of the corporation may dispose by will, or donation *inter vivos*, or in any other

legal manner, of the aid becoming due at their death; establish all restrictions to the rights connected with such aid, and determine the conditions on which the same may be disposed of;

4. Provide for the appointment of attorneys, administrators, officers, delegates and servants, necessary for the management of the corporation and the administration of its affairs, and grant them a suitable remuneration.

11. It shall be lawful for the members of the society to dispose, by will or deed, of the thousand dollars, or such other sum as the society may grant them at their death.

Members may dispose of sums granted to them.

In the absence of any provision, in the manner aforesaid, the rights of the members shall, at their decease, devolve as follows :

To whom property descends in absence of will, &c.

1. To the widow of the deceased member ;
2. If he has no widow, to his children, and
3. If he leaves neither widow nor children, to his heirs in accordance with the laws of the Province of Quebec.

12. All sums of money granted by the corporation, as aid to its members, who are disabled through illness or accident, or to the widow, orphans, heirs and legatees of deceased members, are not seizable and are exempt from seizure and execution, either before or after judgment.

Moneys granted as aid not seizable.

This provision does not apply to sums of money due by the corporation to any of its members, otherwise than as aid or assistance.

Proviso.

13. Any member may withdraw from the corporation, by complying with its regulations, and by paying the full amount of his arrears ; and a member expelled from the said corporation is not freed from the payment of the arrears due by him.

Withdrawal of members.

Expulsion of members.

14. The books, registers, by-laws and other documents of the archives of the corporation, as well as copies thereof and extracts therefrom certified by the president and secretary, are *prima facie* evidence of their contents, in all suits and civil proceedings.

Books, &c., *prima facie* proof.

15. The corporation is bound to submit, each year, to the Legislature, within the first twenty days of the session, a return containing a general statement of its affairs.

Return to Legislature.

16. The corporation is authorized to unite with the *Union St. Joseph de Sorel*, under the name of the *Union St. Joseph et St. Michel*, and, in the event of such union, this act shall govern the united societies to the exclusion of any other.

Amalgamation with other society.

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

Coming into force.