

CAP. XC.

An Act to incorporate the "Pettes Memorial."

[Assented to 8th January, 1894.]

WHEREAS Dame Narcissa Farrand, of the village of Knowlton, in the county of Brome, and Province of Quebec, widow of the late Nathaniel Pettes, in his lifetime of Knowlton, esquire, deceased, has expressed a desire to establish at Knowlton aforesaid, for the purpose of perpetuating for all time the name and memory of her said late husband, an institution to be called the "Pettes Memorial," to be composed of a free public library and reading room, to be open to all honest and respectable persons whomsoever, of every rank in life, without distinction, and also of a lecture hall, to be used in connection with the said library and reading room, and solely for purposes calculated to promote and advance the interests and usefulness of the same; and that a charter or act of incorporation should be obtained for the object intended by her, namely: the diffusion of useful knowledge, by affording free access, to all desiring it, to books, magazines and periodicals, making always the acquisition and maintenance of a library the leading object to be kept in view;

Whereas the said Dame Narcissa Farrand has expressed a further desire that Jeremiah C. Pettes, trader, the Honourable William W. Lynch, one of the judges of the Superior Court for Lower Canada, Hiram S. Foster, registrar, Rufus N. England, M.P.P., trader, and Austin W. Pettes, trader, all of Knowlton, and Azro H. Chandler and Sydney A. Fisher, both farmers of the township of Brome, in the said county, should constitute the first board of trustees, and that the said Jeremiah C. Pettes should be the first president of the said "Pettes Memorial";

Whereas the said Dame Narcissa Farrand has announced her intention of donating to the said Jeremiah C. Pettes, the Honourable William W. Lynch, Hiram S. Foster, Rufus N. England, Austin W. Pettes, Azro H. Chandler and Sydney A. Fisher, as such trustees, the land known as the David McLaughlin property, situate at Knowlton, and the building which she is at present erecting thereon and its dependencies, so soon as they have obtained the passage of an act by the Legislature, authorizing the incorporation and establishment of the said institution under the said name, as well as a sum of money with which to endow the institution in order to insure its perpetual maintenance;

Whereas the said Jeremiah C. Pettes, the Honourable William W. Lynch, Hiram S. Foster, Rufus N. England,

Austin W. Pettes, Azro H. Chandler and Sydney A. Fisher, have prayed for the passage of an act for the purposes aforesaid ; and whereas it is expedient to accede to the said petition and grant the charter prayed for ;

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

Certain persons incorporated.

1. Jeremiah C. Pettes, the Honourable William W. Lynch, Azro H. Chandler, Sydney A. Fisher, Hiram S. Foster, Rufus N. England, Austin W. Pettes, and their successors in office, are hereby created a body corporate and politic, at the village of Knowlton, in the county of Brome, and Province of Quebec, under the name of the "Pettes Memorial."

Name.

Powers.

2. The said corporation shall have perpetual succession, and may have a common seal, with power to change, alter, break and renew the same, as often as they shall think proper ; and the said corporation may, under the same name, contract and be contracted with, and sue and be sued in all courts in the Province.

Management.

3. The said corporation shall be administered, managed and conducted by a board of seven trustees, one of whom shall be the president, and the said Jeremiah C. Pettes shall be the first president and shall retain that office during his life.

President.

Vacancies in office.

In case of vacancy in the said office of trustee, or in the said office of president of the corporation, by death, resignation or removal from the limits of the village of Knowlton or township of Brome, the remainder of the board of trustees, hereby constituted, shall have power, and it shall be their duty, by a majority of votes taken in the usual manner, to appoint some person duly qualified, according to the terms of the deed of gift to be made by the said Dame Narcissa Farrand, to be president or trustee, as the case may be.

Power to hold, &c., property.

4. The corporation shall have the right to receive, take, hold, and possess all real or immoveable property, and all money or moveable property, which may be given, granted, purchased, appropriated, devised, or bequeathed, in any manner whatever, for, to, or in favor of the "Pettes Memorial," for the purposes for which the said corporation is hereby created ; provided, always, that the revenue from the said property does not exceed ten thousand dollars per annum.

Value of real estate held to be limited.

Purposes of corporation.

5. The intents and purposes for which the corporation is hereby created are declared to be :

The establishment, under the corporate name aforesaid, at Knowlton, in the county of Brome, of an institution to

be called by the name aforesaid, composed of a free library and reading room, to be open to all honest and respectable persons whomsoever, of every rank in life, without distinction, and without pay or reward of any kind, but subject to such rules and regulations as may be made by the board of trustees thereof, from time to time, for the preservation of the books and other articles therein, and for the maintenance of order,—the intention being to aid in the diffusion of useful knowledge by affording free access to all desirous of it, to books, magazines and works of science and art,—and also connected therewith a lecture hall, to be used for literary and other useful purposes in connection with the library and to promote its interests, making always the acquisition and maintenance of a library the leading object to be kept in view.

6. The corporation may make by-laws, rules and regulations for the preservation of the books and other matters and articles appertaining to the corporation, the appointment and removal, from time to time, of the subordinate officers thereof, the maintenance of order in the premises of the corporation, and the management generally of the business of the corporation. Such by-laws, rules and regulations, not being contrary to law or to the provisions of this act, shall have the same force and effect as if they were herein embodied. Power to make by-laws, &c.

7. The corporation may, from time to time, invest any surplus funds or money, not required for immediate use for the purposes of this act, in public securities or upon hypothecs on immoveable property. Investment of surplus funds.

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

CAP. XCI.

An Act respecting the property of the late François-Xavier Beaudry bequeathed for charitable purposes.

[Assented to 8th January, 1894.]

WHEREAS the Reverend Alfred Léon Sentenne, parish priest of the parish of Notre-Dame of Montreal, and the Honorable Louis A. Jetté, judge of the Superior Court, testamentary executors appointed by the will hereinafter mentioned, have, by their petition, represented : Preamble.

That, by his will and codicil, dated the twenty-seventh of February, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five,