

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,

and the twenty-third of March of the same year, the late François-Xavier Beaudry bequeathed a portion of his property to the ecclesiastics of the seminary of Saint Sulpice, of Montreal, to be employed (in addition to certain charges imposed) in the establishment and maintenance of an orphan asylum for poor children ; that, in certain cases specified, some of the property might be disposed of, provided the price thereof be employed in purchasing other property capable of yielding a better revenue ; that amongst the property so bequeathed there are a great many unproductive, either on account of the smallness or bad condition of the buildings erected thereon, or on account of the total absence of buildings ; and that the objects of the will would be better attained by applying the proceeds of the sales towards paying the cost of buildings and improvements on the property not sold ;

That the said testator handed over the said properties given to the seminary of Saint Sulpice to testamentary executors, who are to hand them over to the said seminary, if the latter accepts the legacy, or to some other religious community, if the seminary refuses, or, finally, themselves carry out the wishes of the testator, and, for that purpose, he has extended their powers to a period of twenty-five years ; that, notwithstanding such extension of powers, the intention of the testator seems to have been to have such transfer of property to the seminary or to another religious community effected as soon as possible, and that, however, doubts may arise as to the power of the said testamentary executors to make such transfer at once, and it is expedient to remove such doubts and to authorize the said executors to make such transfer to the seminary or some other religious community before the expiration of the said period of twenty-five years ;

And whereas the said testamentary executors have prayed that the necessary powers for the purposes above mentioned be conferred upon them ;

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

Application of certain moneys in improvements of other buildings.

1. The testamentary executors of the late François-Xavier Beaudry, in possession of that portion of the property of the said testator, bequeathed for charitable purposes, or the religious community to which they may have transferred the said property, as hereinafter provided, may employ the moneys derived from the sale of the property sold by them in paying the cost of buildings and improvements on the other immoveables forming part of the said legacy for charitable purposes.

Final transfer of certain portion of

2. Notwithstanding the duration of twenty-five years assigned by the testator to the powers of his testamentary

executors for that portion of his estate destined to charitable purposes, the said testamentary executors may, when they deem expedient, before the expiration of the said twenty-five years, make a final transfer of such property, either to the seminary of Saint Sulpice or to another religious community, and entrust them with the entire execution of the wishes of the testator as regards the said property, in accordance with clause eleven of the codicil of the said testator. After such transfer, the powers of the said testamentary executors shall *pleno jure* cease, and the religious community, to which the property is transferred, shall possess the same, with all the powers granted by the will and codicil of the testator.

estate may be made by executors.

3. This act shall apply only to that portion of the property of the testator bequeathed for charitable purposes, and shall in no wise affect those left to the natural heirs of the said late François-Xavier Beaudry, nor prejudice their rights.

Act to affect only certain portion of property.

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

Coming into force.

C A P. X C I I.

An Act to authorize John Bryson, of Fort Coulonge, to sell and dispose of all the real estate now held by him alone or jointly with the minor heirs of his late wife, without the authorization of a family council or other legal formality.

[Assented to 8th January, 1894.]

WHEREAS it appears, by the petition of John Bryson, of the village of Fort Coulonge, in the county of Pontiac and district of Ottawa, lumberer, that the late Mary Christina Bryson, his wife, died at Coulonge on or about the twenty-second day of September, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two, intestate, leaving two minor children, issue of her said marriage with the petitioner, to whom a tutor has been duly named, and one of whom is still alive, the other having died, on or about the eleventh day of September, eighteen hundred and ninety-three; and that such minor children were, and the survivor is, heirs and heir of their said late mother in the property held in community by her with her said husband, petitioner; and that such property includes several timber berths and other real estate forming part of the assets of the commercial partnership known as and doing business under the name and style of "J. and G. Bryson," which firm is still in business,

Preamble.