

- 3.** The said corporation shall have charge of the wants and material interests of the *Pères Franciscains de l'Observance*, in the Province of Quebec.
- The property which it shall acquire, shall consequently be employed and administered in accordance with the rules and constitution of the said Franciscan Fathers, according to the office of the apostolic syndics of this order.
- 4.** The principal seat of business of the said corporation shall be in the city of Montreal.
- 5.** In case of difference of opinion between the syndics, the decision of the majority shall have the same force and effect as if they were all in accord.
- 6.** The corporation shall be bound by the signature and consent of the said syndics only.
- 7.** The syndics may be represented by delegates, who shall have the powers conferred upon them by their power of attorney.
- 8.** The syndics shall be appointed, removed and replaced, according to the rules and constitution of the said Franciscan Fathers.
- 9.** Members of the corporation shall not be personally liable for its obligations.
- 10.** The said syndics may make, amend and repeal by-laws for the government of its members; provided such by-laws be not inconsistent with the rules and constitution of the said Franciscan Fathers, with the present act, or with any other law of the Province of Quebec.
- 11.** This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction.

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An Act to consolidate the charter of "*l'Union St. Joseph de Trois-Rivières.*"

[Assented to 27th February, 1893.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is expedient to revise and consolidate the act of incorporation of "*l'Union St. Joseph de Trois-Rivières,*" (28 Victoria, chapter 64), 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 :

1. The said act cited in the above preamble is repealed and replaced by the present act. 28 V., c. 64, repealed.

I. ORGANIZATION.

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 "*l'Union St. Joseph de Trois-Rivières*". Corporation constituted. Name.

2. The officers of the corporation named and elected in virtue of the above act (28 Victoria, chapter 64), and now in charge, shall remain, and they are hereby continued in their respective offices, until they shall be regularly and legally replaced. Present officers continued in office.

The rules, by-laws 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. Present by-laws continued.

3. The object of the corporation is to assist its members, 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. Object of corporation.

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

II. POWERS AND ATTRIBUTES.

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

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 immoveables in the Province of Quebec; 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 be affected to and used in the maintenance of its members, in the construction and repairs of buildings necessary for the Application of revenues to certain purposes, &c.

purposes of the corporation, and for the payment of all legitimate expenses in connection with the above object.

Application of surplus revenues.

7. The surplus revenues and profits of the corporation may be deposited in some chartered bank, or used 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.

Certain property vested in corporation.

8. All moveable or immoveable property now belonging 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 by-laws for certain purposes.

9. The majority of the members present at a general meeting of the corporation has the power to make and adopt by-laws, for the following purposes :

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 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 as assistance to the widows, heirs and legatees of deceased members, the time when such aid shall be paid, and the contribution which, for that purpose, may be exacted from members, and to grant aid to those members who may become widowers, and determine 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 out of 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, in addition to the interest ;
8. For imposing fines, not exceeding two dollars, for each infraction 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, to 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 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, 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.

III.—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

11. 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 liable to seizure.

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

12. Any member may withdraw from the corporation by complying with its by-laws, and by paying the full amount of its arrears ; and a member expelled from the said corporation is not freed from the payment of the arrears due by him. Withdrawal of members.

13. 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.

14. The corporation is bound to submit, each year, a report containing a statement of its affairs, to the Legislature, within the first twenty days of the session. Return to Legislature.