

its actual use, over and above the annual value of ten thousand dollars, for more than five years at any one time. Value of property limited.

5. Any sum of money or other property which may have already been or may hereafter be bequeathed, given or in any way devised, donated or set apart for the use or behoof of the Canada Sunday School Union shall be received by and used for the said Sunday School Union of the Province of Quebec. Money bequeathed, &c., to former Union to be received by Union incorporated by this act.

6. The business and property of the said Union shall be managed by a general committee, composed of twenty-one persons, who shall be members of said Union, and also members in good standing of some Evangelical Protestant Church, and of whom not more than five shall belong to any one denomination. Management of business of Union.

The said committee shall be elected for such term and in such manner as may be provided in the constitution and by-laws of said Union. Election of committee.

7. The constitution and by-laws now in force of the said Canada Sunday School Union shall be the constitution and by-laws of the said corporation until changed, according to the provisions thereof, except such as maybe inconsistent with this act or contrary to the laws of the Province of Quebec. Constitution and by-laws of Union.

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

C A P . L X I I .

An Act to incorporate "*L'Union St. Joseph de St. Hyacinthe.*"

[Assented to 12th July, 1888.]

WHEREAS there exists, in the town of St. Hyacinthe, Preamble.
 an association, known under the name of "*L'Union St. Joseph de St. Hyacinthe,*" organized for the purpose of giving relief to its members, who might be unable to work, owing to illness or accident, and of paying a certain indemnity to the widows and children of deceased members or to their lawful heirs; whereas it is necessary, for the proper working and prosperity of the said association, that it should enjoy the rights, powers and privileges of an incorporated society; whereas the members of the association have, by their petition to the Legislature of this Province, prayed to be incorporated; and whereas 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.** N. Arthur Boivin, Joseph Benoit, Benoni Labonté, *filis*, and all such other persons who are at present members of the association, or who may become so, in virtue of the provisions of this act and of the by-laws passed thereunder, shall be and are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, under the name of "*L'Union St. Joseph de St. Hyacinthe.*"

Name.

General powers. **2.** Under such name, the corporation shall have perpetual succession, may plead and be impleaded, exercise all and every the general powers possessed by corporations, regard being had to the provisions of this act, and, under such name, it may, at any time hereafter, under any legal title or contract, bind itself, purchase, acquire, accept and receive, by gratuitous or onerous title, *inter vivos* or by will, have, possess and dispose of all shares, debentures and securities whatsoever, all lands, tenements and hereditaments, all real estate and moveable and immoveable property, situate and being in the Province of Quebec, required for the use and occupation of the corporation, may lease, hypothecate, sell, exchange, alienate or otherwise dispose of the same, in whole or in part, from time to time, and as circumstances may require, for the benefit of the corporation, and acquire others in lieu thereof for the same purpose ; provided always that the annual net revenue from the real estate at any time owned by the corporation shall not exceed the sum of four thousand dollars.

Revenue from real estate limited.

Property vested in corporation. **3.** All moveable and immoveable property, all debts, dues and claims whatsoever, belonging to the association, all subscriptions or contributions, fines or penalties due to the same, in virtue of any of its by-laws, by any person bound thereby, at the coming into force of this act, are vested in the corporation ; but it shall be charged with all the debts and obligations of the association, and the members of the corporation shall not be personally liable for the obligations thereof.

Charged with certain debts.

Present rules &c to be rules of corporation. **4.** The rules, regulations and by-laws of the association or the amendments thereto which may be in force at the time of the passing of this act, if they be consistent with this act and the laws of this Province, shall be the rules, regulations and by-laws of the corporation hereby incorporated until repealed or amended, under the act of incorporation.

Present officers continued. The present officers of the association shall be those of the corporation and shall remain in office until others

be elected, in accordance with the by-laws of the corporation, in their place and stead.

5. Three-fourths of the members of the corporation, present at a general meeting held or convened, in accordance with the by-laws of the corporation, shall have full power and authority, at any time, to make and establish such rules, regulations and by-laws as it may deem expedient and necessary for the interests and government of the corporation and the administration of its property and affairs, the admission and exclusion of its members, the determining of the monthly and other contributions which shall be paid by the members, the amount of the aid which may be granted and paid to the members, their widows and orphans or heirs, and for everything else relating to the corporation, and, by such by-laws, to impose any fine or penalty not exceeding five dollars, for the infringement of such by-law, and to alter, amend, repeal and replace the same by others, in whole or in part, from time to time, as well as those of the said association which shall be in force at the time of the passing of this act.

Powers of members to pass by-laws &c.

Such majority may also do, execute and administer all and every the other matters and things relating to the corporation and to the government and administration thereof, in so far as lies within its power, regard being had, nevertheless, to the rules, stipulations, provisions and by-laws hereafter prescribed and established, provided always that no by-laws so passed by the corporation shall be contrary to the provisions of this act or to the laws in force in this Province.

Power to manage affairs of corporation.

6. The members of the said corporation, or the majority thereof, shall have power to appoint such attorneys, administrators, officers, delegates and servants as may be required for the administration of its property and the proper government and management of the affairs thereof, and to allow them respectively a suitable and reasonable remuneration; and all the officers so appointed may, for the good management and administration of the affairs of the corporation, exercise such other powers and authority as may be conferred upon them by the rules and by-laws of the corporation.

Power to appoint attorney, administrator, &c.

Powers of officers, &c., so appointed.

7. The rents, revenues and profits of the corporation shall be exclusively affected to and employed in assisting and supporting the members, their widows and orphans or heirs, in acquiring immoveable property, in erecting and repairing buildings, and all other objects necessary for the purposes of the corporation, and in paying the expenses which may be lawfully incurred for the objects connected with the purposes aforesaid.

Application of rents, revenue, &c.

Power of corporation to bring suits at law in corporate name for certain purpose.

8. The corporation may, at any time hereafter, in default of payment, bring suits at law before any civil court of competent jurisdiction, in its corporate name, for the recovery of subscriptions or contributions, fines or penalties, all other sums of money, moveable and immoveable rights and claims whatsoever belonging to the said association, or which shall hereafter become due and belong to the corporation constituted by this act.

Books &c of corporation and copies certified to be *prima facie* proof.

The books, registers, by-laws, archives and other documents or papers of the association or corporation, as well as all copies thereof or extracts therefrom, certified to be true by the officer in charge of the same, shall be received as *prima facie* evidence of their contents in all courts of justice and in all civil suits or proceedings.

Members may withdraw.

Any member may, however, withdraw from the said association at any time, by complying with the by-laws then in force.

Members competent as witnesses.

9. No person, who is competent to be a witness in any suit or prosecution to which the corporation is a party, shall be considered incompetent as such witness from the fact of his being a member or officer of the corporation.

Head office. Regular meetings, &c., where to be held.

10. The head office and chief place of business of the corporation shall be in the town of St. Hyacinthe; and the regular, general or other meetings convened, in accordance with the by-laws of the said association, shall be held in the said town of St. Hyacinthe.

Benefits granted not liable to seizure.

11. No sum of money, granted by the corporation in virtue of its constitution or any of its by-laws, as aid or assistance to its members who are unable to work through illness or accident, or to the widows, orphans or lawful heirs of a deceased member, shall be liable to seizure, either before or after judgment.

Right of creditors not affected as to corporation contracts.

Nothing in this section shall in any wise affect the rights of any creditor with reference to any sum due by the corporation to any of its members, in consequence of any contract or undertaking entered into between the said corporation and such member.

Report to Legislature.

12. Every year, within the first twenty days of the session, the corporation shall make to the Legislature, a report showing the state of its affairs generally.

Coming into force.

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