

make all by-laws necessary for the construction and proper management of the building and the issue of the debentures.

How issued. Such debentures may be issued by several issues and shall constitute a hypothec from the date of their issue upon the property belonging to the Association and especially on the building and ground on which it shall be erected.

Insurance of such edifice. The board shall cause the said national edifice to be insured and, in the event of its being destroyed or damaged by fire, the amount of the insurance shall be employed in rebuilding it or be divided amongst the debenture holders in accordance with their respective rights and the law, if the Association should decide not to rebuild the edifice.

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C A P . L X V I .

An Act to consolidate the act of incorporation of "*La Société St. Jean Baptiste de la ville de St. Jean.*" (31 Victoria, chapter 50.)

[Assented to 12th July, 1888.]

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS the provisions of the act incorporating "*La Société St. Jean Baptiste de la ville de St. Jean,*" (31 Victoria, chapter 50), no longer suffice for the requirements of the said society, and it is expedient that more ample provisions be enacted, in order to secure the proper working of the society and to better define and to increase its powers ;

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

REPEAL OF FORMER ACTS.

31 V., c. 50,  
repealed,  
saving powers  
of officers and  
by-laws there-  
under, which  
are continued.

**1.** The act mentioned in the above preamble is hereby repealed and replaced by the present act; however, all the officers of the said society appointed and elected under and in virtue of the said act, 31 Victoria, chapter 50, and now in office, shall remain and are hereby continued in their offices for the period for which they were elected, and all by-laws, rules and orders made and passed by the members of the said society, in meeting assembled, or by the said officers, under and in virtue of the said act, 31 Victoria, chapter 50, and now in force, shall continue to have full force and effect until they are duly repealed, amended or modified, under the present act.

## NAME OF THE SOCIETY.

**2.** The members of the said society and such persons as shall hereafter become members thereof, shall be and are, hereby, constituted a body politic and corporate, under the name of "*La Société St. Jean Baptiste de la ville de St. Jean*"; and under such name, they and their successors shall have perpetual succession, and may sue and be sued before all courts of justice in all manner of actions, suits or proceedings whatever which may hereafter be brought or had before such courts.

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ers.

## PROPERTY OF THE SOCIETY.

**3.** Under the name aforesaid, the members of the society and their successors may acquire, possess, receive and accept for themselves and their successors for the requirements and use of the said society, any moveable and immoveable property in the Province of Quebec, such immoveable property, however, not to exceed in annual value or revenue the sum of two thousand dollars, and may also sell, exchange or dispose of the said moveables and immoveables, subject to their being replaced by others if they deem advisable, within the limits of their requirements and use, but in such manner that the annual value thereof shall not exceed the aforesaid amount of two thousand dollars.

Power to hold  
property.Amount  
limited.

## OBJECT OF THE SOCIETY.

**4.** The object of the society is to assist its sick members as well as the widows and orphans of deceased members.

Object.

## REGULAR MEETINGS.

**5.** The regular meetings of the society shall be held at the usual place of meeting, that is to say in the room already devoted to that purpose in the town of Saint John's or in any other room which may, from time to time, be elected by the meeting, in the said town on Wednesday of every week, at eight o'clock in the evening.

Regular meet-  
ings, when  
and where  
held.

If any of such Wednesdays should happen to fall on a feast of obligation, the meeting shall then be held on the following day at the same hour.

If day fixed a  
holiday.

**6.** The meeting on the first Wednesday of every month shall be called the general meeting, and all the members shall be bound to attend under penalty of a fine of five cents which shall be incurred by the fact of their not attending, except however for those members who shall have paid twelve monthly contributions in advance and

General meet-  
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bers paying  
in advance.

who shall not be liable to a fine for being absent during the twelve months for which they have so paid in advance.

Penalty for non-attendance of officers.

**7.** The officers of the society shall be bound to attend all the meetings thereof, both regular and special, under penalty of a fine of ten cents which shall be incurred by the fact of their not attending.

Exemption from fine for cause duly notified.

**8.** Should, however, the absence of members and officers from the aforesaid meetings be due to illness or absence from the town of Saint John's, they shall not be liable to the fine ; provided that, before or during the meeting which they fail to attend, they give notice in writing to the president of such illness or absence from the town.

Quorum of regular meetings.

**9.** The quorum of the regular meetings, including general meetings, shall be seven members.

#### SPECIAL MEETINGS.

Special meetings of society, when called.

**10.** The president shall, on the requisition of the board of management, or of seven members of the society, convene a special meeting of such society, at which meeting no other matter shall be taken up than that mentioned in the notice convening the meeting.

Notice, how given, delay for giving.

Notice of such meeting being convened shall be given in writing to all the members of the society, either personally or at their domicile by the secretary on the order of the president, at least one clear day before that fixed for holding the meeting and the certificate of the secretary, handed to the president at the opening of the meeting stating that he has given such notice to all the members of the society, shall be sufficient to establish that such notice has been given.

Certificate of notice.

Certificate to be annexed to original notice.

The secretary shall annex such certificate to the original notice convening the meeting, which shall likewise be in writing and of be signed by the president.

Notice to members residing outside of town.

The same notice shall be deemed to have been sufficiently given to members residing outside of the town of Saint John's, if a copy, certified by the secretary and addressed to them, be deposited in the post-office of the town of Saint John's.

Quorum of special meetings.

**11.** The quorum for special meetings shall also be seven members.

Special meeting of board, when called.

**12.** The president shall also, on the requisition of three officers or when he may himself deem expedient, call a special meeting of the board of management.

Notice.

Notice thereof shall be given in writing by the secretary on the order of the president, to the members of the

board, either personally or at their domicile, in the same manner as for special meetings of the society.

#### OFFICERS.

**13.** The officers of the society shall be ten in number, Officers.  
to wit : A president, two vice-presidents, a secretary, an assistant secretary, a treasurer, two assistant-treasurers, a marshal and assistant marshal.

Such officers in meeting assembled, or a quorum thereof, Board of management.  
as hereinafter set forth, shall constitute the Board of Management.

#### BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.

**14.** The regular meeting of the Board of Management Meetings of Board, when held.  
shall be held on the first Monday of each month at eight o'clock in the evening.

A meeting may be held and resolutions validly passed Quorum.  
thereat, provided there be a quorum of five members present.

**15.** The board of management shall have control of the Powers of Board.  
general administration of the society's affairs.

**16.** The vice-presidents shall replace the president, the Absence of president, secretary or treasurer provided for.  
assistant-secretary and assistant-treasurers shall replace the secretary or the treasurer respectively, in the event of the illness or absence of the president or secretary or treasurer, as the case may be, as hereinafter more amply set forth.

#### QUALIFICATION OF MEMBERS.

**17.** In order to become a member of the society, it shall Qualification of members:  
be necessary :

1. That the candidate be not less than sixteen years of As to age.  
age and not more than forty-five ;

2. That he be not afflicted with any hereditary, incurable Health.  
disease or with any infirmity whatsoever and that he be in the enjoyment of good health ;

3. That he be a French-Canadian ;

Nationality.

4. That he be a Roman Catholic ;

Religion.

5. That he do not belong to any society prohibited by Not member of prohibited society.  
the Church ;

6 That he reside in the district of Iberville since at Residence.  
least three months, and pay such entrance fees as may be Entrance fees.  
imposed on him by the by-laws, according to his age.

**18.** The society shall, nevertheless have the right to Admission of members not French-Canadians.  
admit as a member or as an officer, any person belonging

to any other than the French-Canadian nationality, on a resolution to that effect adopted by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

#### ADMISSION OF MEMBERS.

**19.** The admission of members of the society shall be as follows :

Admission of members. Notice of application. A member shall give notice at a regular meeting that he will propose such a person for membership in the society, giving at the same time the name, surname, age, trade or occupation and domicile of such person.

To remain before chair, until next regular meeting. Such notice shall remain before the chair until the following regular meeting, when a motion may be made by the same member or by another in his stead for balloting for such member.

Questions to candidate. The president shall, before such motion is made, ask the candidate certain questions with reference to his qualifications, and if the candidate's answers fulfill the requirements of the preceding sections, the motion for balloting may then be made and the assembly may proceed to ballot for him in the manner prescribed by the by-laws.

Balloting. The candidate shall withdraw from the room during the ballot.

**20.** It shall be lawful for any member, to exact from the candidate, before the motion for balloting be put, a certificate from a priest establishing that the candidate belongs to the Roman Catholic Church, and one from the medical officer of the society, establishing that he is in good health and free from infirmity.

Fee on above motion. **21.** The member who makes the motion abovementioned shall, at the same time, deposit twenty five cents in the hands of the secretary, who shall apply the same towards the payment of the candidate's entrance fee, if he be admitted, and who shall return them to the person who gave them to him if he be afterwards refused.

To be returned in case of rejection.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

**22.** The election of officers shall take place at the general meetings of the months of April and October.

Elections in April and October. Term of office. Such officers shall be elected only for six months, but they shall be nominated as candidates at the preceding regular meeting.

Nomination. Selection of candidates. If, at the latter meeting, there be more than two candidates nominated for one office, the members shall at once proceed at the same meeting to ballot for such candidates

in the same manner as for the admission of members, and the two candidates who, as the result of such ballot, shall receive the largest number of votes, shall be the candidates for the final election at the first ensuing general meeting.

Such final ballot shall take place in the same manner as for the admission of members, but no member shall vote at the general election unless he has paid up the full amount of his dues to the society.

**23.** If, during the course of such six months, a vacancy should occur in any office owing to resignation or otherwise, a successor to such officer shall be elected at the meeting at which such office be declared and acknowledged to be vacant ; such election shall be by ballot as for the admission of members ; but the new officers shall only be elected for the remaining period of the six months for which his predecessor was elected.

**24.** If an officer fail to attend three consecutive meetings of the society, he shall, *ipso facto*, be deemed to have forfeited all right to his office and shall, in consequence, be replaced at the following regular meeting in the manner provided in the preceding section, excepting, however, in the event of his absence at any of such meetings being due to illness.

#### DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT.

**25.** The duties of the president shall consist :

1. In presiding at the meetings of the society and in maintaining order and decorum ;
2. In proclaiming the result of the ballots and of the votes upon any question submitted to the meeting ;
3. In superintending the action of the various committees and seeing that they do their duty ;
4. In giving his casting vote when the votes are equal ;
5. In not moving or seconding any motion, and in not discussing any question without having first left his seat ;
6. In taking charge of the funerals of members who have left neither relatives nor friends to attend to the same.

#### DUTIES OF THE VICE-PRESIDENTS.

**26.** The first vice-president, in the absence of the president, and the second vice-president in the absence of both, shall replace the president in the chair, and have the same powers and duties as the President.

## DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.

Duties of secretary.

**27.** The duties of the secretary shall consist :

1. In keeping the register in which the minutes of the meetings of the society shall be entered and in inscribing therein the names, surnames, ages, and occupations of candidates ;

2. In handing over, before the end of the meeting, to the treasurer the twenty-five cents paid to him by the members proposing a candidate ;

3. In leaving his register open to the inspection of all the members during the time of the meetings ;

4. In giving notice to the parties interested of the calling of special meetings and of the meetings of the board of management, as aforesaid, on the order of the president ;

5. On relinquishing office, to hand over to the president whatever may be in his possession, such as books, registers, and other things belonging to the society.

## DUTIES OF THE ASSISTANT-SECRETARY.

Duties of assistant-secretary.

**28.** The assistant-secretary shall replace the secretary in the absence of the latter.

He shall likewise replace him whenever, for any reason, it shall become necessary to appoint a new secretary and until the latter is appointed.

He shall be subject to the same duties as the secretary.

Assistant-secretary.

**29.** The assistant-secretary shall also assist the secretary in the performance of his duties, if the latter requires him to do so.

## DUTIES OF THE TREASURER.

Duties of treasurer.

**30.** The duties of the treasurer shall consist :

1. In receiving from the members, during the meetings only, contributions, fines and arrears of contributions and fines due by them, and in giving them receipts for the same, in the name of the society ;

2. In receiving from the institution in which the society deposits its moneys, upon a written order signed by the president and countersigned by the secretary, the sum of money mentioned in such order and in paying such amount to the parties entitled thereto ;

3. In depositing to the credit of a special account kept in the name of the society in the office of the Permanent Building Society of the district of Iberville, or in any other monetary institution which shall, from time to time, be indicated by a resolution of a meeting, all moneys received by him in his capacity of treasurer, as soon as his receipts amount to the sum of five dollars ;

4. In submitting a report at each general meeting of all the members who are indebted to the society, to the amount of three dollars and over ;

5. In submitting a report at the regular meeting immediately preceding the general meeting at which the half-yearly elections of officers are to take place, indicating the members who are indebted for arrears to the society and the amount of such arrears ;

6. In submitting a report at each general meeting showing the receipts and expenditure of the society during the previous month.

7. On relinquishing office he shall lay before the general meeting, at which the elections of officers are to take place, a report showing the general condition of the finances of the society, such report to be previously approved at a meeting of the board of management and to be also specially approved by the president and secretary.

**31.** The treasurer cannot and shall not have the right, outside of the regular meetings of the society, to collect or receive, in his capacity as treasurer, any sums or arrears due to the society by any of its members, unless he be thereunto specially authorized by a resolution of the general meeting. Treasurer not to receive money outside of regular meetings. Proviso.

**32.** At every general meeting, the treasurer shall, at the request of the president, call the nominal roll of all the members of the society, and he shall, at every regular meeting, also at the request of the president, call the nominal roll of the officers, and the secretary shall note in the minutes of the meeting, the names of those who are absent. Treasurer to call roll at meetings. Secretary to note names of absentees.

#### DUTIES OF THE ASSISTANT-TREASURERS.

**33.** The first assistant-treasurer shall replace the treasurer, in the event of his absence, and the second assistant treasurer shall replace them, if they be both absent, and in any case, the assistant-treasurers shall assist the treasurer in the performance of his duties, if he should require them so to do. Duties of assistant treasurers.

#### DUTIES OF THE MARSHALS AND ASSISTANT-MARSHALS.

**34.** The duties of these two officers shall be laid down in the by-laws. Duties of marshals.

#### DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.

**35.** The board of management shall decide all questions referred to it by the society in meeting assembled, Board to decide questions referred by society.

and shall report its decision at the following regular meeting.

On occasion of festival of patron saint, of funeral member, board may contract obligations.

Celebration of festival to be decided on by society.

**36.** The board of management shall, on the occasion of the celebration of the festival of the patron saint of the society, or of the funeral of a deceased member, have power to contract all obligations or debts which may be deemed necessary, and the same shall be submitted by the president at the following regular meeting and be paid ; but the question as to whether the society shall or shall not celebrate the festival of its patron saint shall be decided at a regular meeting of the society and not at a meeting of the board of management.

On death of member, Board to pay twenty dollars for funeral expenses.

**37.** Upon the death of a member entitled to the payment of his funeral expenses, the board of management may, at a meeting, decide that a sum not exceeding twenty dollars be withdrawn from the institution in which the society deposits its moneys to pay for the funeral of such deceased member, and, for that purpose, a written order, signed by the president and countersigned by the secretary, shall be made and drawn upon such institution, ordering the payment of such sum to the treasurer who shall pay whatever may be due for such funeral.

Society may by by-law give powers in connection with funerals.

**38.** The society, in meeting assembled, may also, by its by-laws, give to the board of management all powers connected with the funerals of members which may be indicated in such by-laws.

#### DISMISSAL OF OFFICERS.

Complaints against officers to be made three weeks before general meeting.

Dismissal of officer on two third's vote.

**39.** If a complaint be made to the board of management that an officer of the society has failed in his duty under any circumstance, such complaint shall be laid by the board before a regular meeting of the society to be there dealt with ; such complaint may also be brought at the meeting. In either case the complaint shall remain on the table during the three regular meetings preceding the general meeting and, at the latter, the officer in default may be dismissed, on a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

Fine if officer dismissed refuse to vacate;

Further fine if he perform any act connected with his late office.

**40.** The officer so dismissed shall vacate, as soon as his dismissal is pronounced, and if he refuse so to do, he shall, by such refusal alone, incur a fine of five dollars ; and every time he shall, after such dismissal, perform any act connected with the office from which he is so dismissed, during the course of the six months for which he was originally elected, he shall, by the mere fact of performing such act, incur a further fine of five dollars.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY.

**41.** The orders of the day shall be regulated and determined by the by-laws of the society. Orders of the day regulated by by-law.

## GENERAL PROVISIONS RESPECTING THE CONDUCT OF MEMBERS AT MEETINGS.

**42.** During the meetings, the members shall be seated and with heads uncovered and the greatest silence shall be observed, so as not to interfere with the proceedings. Conduct of members at meetings.

Should any member behave in such a manner as to disturb the order and decorum of the meeting, he shall be liable to a fine of ten cents. Fine for misbehavior.

**43.** The society may pass by-laws respecting the general conduct of the members during the meetings and enforce such by-laws by means of a fine or even of expulsion. By-laws respecting conduct of members.

## PROCEEDINGS.

**44.** The order of the day, as specified by the by-laws, shall be strictly followed, except when the meeting, by a vote of the majority of the members present, consents to deviate therefrom. Order of the day to be followed, except upon vote to deviate therefrom.

**45.** The votes for and against a motion shall not be registered by the president, unless at least twelve members require him to do so, otherwise the president may judge of the majority and minority by the show of hands or by the number of members sitting or standing. Votes not to be registered unless upon demand of twelve members.

## ENTRANCE FEES AND CONTRIBUTIONS.

**46.** Every member, as soon as he is admitted, shall be obliged to pay an entrance fee which may vary according to age, and shall be determined by the by-laws. Entrance fees.

Every member shall further pay a monthly contribution of twenty-five cents, which shall be paid at the general meeting in every month, and commence to be paid by newly admitted members at the general meeting in the month following their admission. Monthly contribution.

**47.** Upon the death of any member of the society, all the members shall be obliged to pay the sum of fifty cents to the widows' fund within the delay to be determined by the by-laws: provided, however, that the member so deceased has belonged to the society during the past twelve months; otherwise there shall be no contribution to the widows' fund on account of such death; such contribution Contribution to fund for widows of members only who belonged to society for the last twelve months.

Contribution payable in all cases.

shall be paid even if the widow or children should, in the case in question have lost all right to any benefit.

#### FINANCES.

Funds to be invested on approved securities.

**48.** The society may lend its funds in sums not less than two hundred dollars to any *Fabrique* or town or parish corporation or to any person giving a first hypothec on property worth double the amount loaned, or to any person offering an investment of any other kind with perfect security, provided such loan be previously approved at a regular meeting of the society.

#### BENEFITS.

Members in good standing disabled by illness or accident to receive two dollars per week.

**49.** Every member, who, through illness or accident, becomes unable to attend to his ordinary business and to do any work which might bring him profit or remuneration, shall be entitled to receive from the society the sum of two dollars per week ; but, in order to be entitled to demand and receive such benefit, he must have been enrolled as a member for at least twelve months and have paid in to the society the full amount of his dues, contributions, entrance fees, fines and other claims.

Proviso.

Loss of benefits limited ;

**50.** Nevertheless the fact of a member not having paid the arrears of his contributions and other dues, as they become due, shall entail the loss of his benefits for a limited time only, to wit :

In cases : of arrears of monthly contributions ;

1. Whosoever, in the event mentioned in the preceding section, shall be indebted for arrears of monthly contributions, shall forfeit the benefits for a number of months corresponding with the number of months of arrears.

Of fines ;

2. Whosoever shall then be indebted in the sum of fifty cents and over, for fines, shall forfeit the benefits for the period of four weeks ; while if he should be indebted for fines, for a sum less than fifty cents, he shall be entitled to the benefits on payment of the amount due by him therefor.

Of funeral contributions, &c.

3. Whosoever shall then be indebted for any amount for funeral contributions or contributions for masses shall forfeit the benefits for a period corresponding to that which has elapsed since the various dates at which his contributions became due.

Of entrance fees ;

4. Whosoever shall be then indebted to the society for the whole or a portion of his entrance fee, shall forfeit the benefits for four weeks.

Forfeiture not to exceed twelve months.

5. Whosoever shall be indebted for any contributions or dues for twelve months and over shall not, in any case, forfeit the benefits for a longer period than twelve months.

**51.** A member residing in the town of St. John's shall likewise, in order to be entitled to receive the benefits, make an application according to form B of the schedule of this act, and both in the case of a member residing outside the town, and of a member residing within its limits, the benefits to be obtained by the applicant shall, in all cases, be deemed to be due him only from the day on which such application has been laid before the meeting while sitting, except when there is not a sufficient quorum at such meeting for the transaction of business, in which latter case the application will count from the day on which such meeting would have been held if there had been a quorum.

Application  
for benefits.

When benefits  
accrue.

Proviso.

Nevertheless, should such member, whether he reside in the town or outside of the same, be then indebted to the society as set forth in section 50 hereinabove, he shall be subject to the loss of the periods of time mentioned in such section, which said periods shall run from the day on which the first application is laid before the meeting as aforesaid.

Loss of bene-  
fits by mem-  
bers in ar-  
rears.

It is also understood that, in order to receive the benefits after such periods, the member who is ill, must renew his written application for such benefits, and must have paid to the society, when his first application is made, all arrears for contributions and dues of every kind, and it is also necessary that he be still ill and entitled to receive the benefits.

Renewal of  
application—  
continuation  
of illness.

**52.** If a member who has become ill should be indebted to the society for arrears of contributions of various kinds, rendering him liable to forfeiture of benefits for various periods, as set forth in the preceding section, the various periods during which he shall be deprived of the benefits shall not be cumulated, but such member shall forfeit the benefits for the longest period specified for the non-payment of such arrears.

Forfeitures  
not cumu-  
lative.

**53.** Every member who shall remove his residence outside the town of St. John's must, in order to be entitled to the benefits, give, as soon as he changes his residence, his address in writing to the treasurer, indicating the place of his new residence, the name of the street and the number of the house if there be any.

Members leav-  
ing town of  
St. John's to  
give address.

Such new address shall be given according to the tenor of form F, in the schedule of this act.

In order to be entitled to the benefits, he shall, with his written application, send to the society a physician's certificate, stating the nature of his illness and also a certificate from the parish priest, or from a justice of the peace of the place where he resides, according to forms B, C, D or E, as the case may be, in the said schedule con-

Certificates of  
physician and  
priest or  
justice of the  
peace re-  
quired.

tained ; such certificates to establish that the applicant is unable to attend any occupation or do any work which might bring him any benefit or remuneration.

Benefits granted only in cases of illness lasting over a week.

**54.** If the illness of a member does not last over a week, he shall not be entitled to any benefits for the time he is ill; but if such illness last over a week, he shall be entitled to the benefits for the first and for the following weeks, provided always that he complies with all the requirements of the preceding sections and that he is not liable to any of the objections which, under the preceding sections, would prevent him from being entitled to the benefits.

Visit of sick member by two members, except in cases of contagious disease.

**55.** No member residing in the town of St. John's shall be entitled to receive any benefit until he has been visited by two members and until the latter have reported the condition of such member to the society, except in the case of contagious disease when the physician's certificate serves in lieu of the inspection of the two visitors of the society.

No benefits to members ill because of intemperance or bad conduct, or whose recovery is thereby delayed.

**56.** No member who is ill shall be entitled to benefits, if it be established by the report of the visitors or by the certificate of the physicians appointed to visit him, that his illness is due to intemperance or bad conduct, and if it be established by the same report and certificates that his bad conduct from the time his illness began may and will delay his recovery, he shall thereupon forfeit all right to the benefits.

Notification of refusal of benefits.

**57.** When the society refuses the benefits applied for, for any reason whatsoever, it shall notify the sick member through the secretary, within the week immediately following such refusal, mentioning the reason for which the society has refused his application.

Renewal of application.

If the member continues ill and renews his application afterwards and such application is granted, he shall be entitled to the benefits from the date of the second application.

No benefits to members serving in a foreign army.

**58.** No member who is wounded after or during military operations, while serving in a foreign army, shall be entitled to any benefit.

Society may make by-laws respecting benefits.

**59.** The society may make all by-laws which it may deem expedient in connection with the benefits to which any sick member may be entitled, and such by-laws shall prevail even if they be in contradiction with the provisions of this act in that respect.

## VISITING SICK MEMBERS.

**60.** When an application for benefits is made to the society by a sick member residing in the town of St-John's, the president shall at once appoint two members to visit him, and these two visitors shall, during the interval between two regular meetings, visit such member, and at each meeting, report upon the result of their visit.

Visit of applicant by two members.

The society shall also have the right to send its physician to the sick member and if the physician's report states that he is not entitled to any benefits, the sick member may himself select a physician who shall proceed with the society's physician to again visit the sick member, and if the two physicians do not agree upon the state and condition of the sick member as regards the benefits to be allowed him, they may select a third physician; thereupon the three shall visit him and the report of the majority of such physicians shall be final, both as regards the society and the sick member.

Visit by society's physician, also by member's physician, and in case of dissent by a third; named by the two former; their decision final.

This method of examining sick members shall likewise be followed when the visitors, or the society's physician shall state in their report, that the sick member is no longer in a condition necessary to entitle him to the benefits.

Same proceeding's when member has recovered.

**61.** If the illness of the members applying for the benefits is contagious, the physician's certificate shall suffice, without its being necessary for two visitors to visit him and report.

In cases of contagious disease physician's certificate only.

**62.** The two visitors so appointed shall report upon their visits, at each meeting, under penalty of a fine of ten cents, which fine shall be incurred by the fact of their not making their visit in the interval between two meetings and by the default to report at each meeting, except in the case of contagious disease, as aforesaid.

Visits to report at each meeting, fine for neglect.

These visitors shall continue to act as such until they are relieved by the president.

Visits to act until relieved by president.

## FUNERALS.

**63.** Upon the death of a member who is entitled to have his funeral expenses paid by the society, the latter may pay the expenses of the burial service and all other funeral expenses (except those incurred in sending invitations), provided that such funeral expenses do not exceed the sum of twenty dollars, as set forth in section 37 of this act; and if the burial service and funeral expenses be paid by another society to which the deceased may also have belonged, or by his family, the society shall then pay

Twenty dollars to be paid for burial expenses; if such expenses be paid by another society, to be paid over to widow or orphans of deceased member.

the said sum of twenty dollars to the widow or orphans of the deceased member, if he leaves any, in lieu of such funeral expenses.

Funerals to be attended by members,

**64.** The society shall attend the funeral of such member in a body and every member shall be obliged to attend and wear his badge.

As regulated by by-law.

The details connected with the attendance of the society as a body shall be determined by by-law.

Fine for non-attendance at funerals.

Every member who shall not attend such funeral or shall not comply with the conditions and formalities which may, from time to time, be determined by by-law shall, except in case of illness or absence from the town of St. John's, be liable to a fine of fifty cents; which shall be incurred by the very fact of non-attending or of neglecting to comply with the provisions of the by laws in that respect.

Notice to be given of absence or illness.

In the event of absence from the town of St. John's or of illness, the member must, in order to escape the fine, give notice in writing of such illness or absence to the secretary, before the funeral.

Members not entitled to funeral expenses.

**65.** The following persons shall not be entitled to have their funeral expenses paid by the society :

1. Those who have not been members for twelve months previous to their decease ;
2. Those who are killed in the course of military operations while serving in a foreign army ; those, who commit suicide ; those whose death is due to a duel or to election riots (except in case of self defence) ; those who rashly and imprudently expose their lives without necessity ; those whose death is due to intemperance or who have contracted the disease which has caused their death by the immoderate use of intoxicating liquors ;
3. Those who, at the time of their death, are indebted for dues, contributions or other debts whatsoever towards the society ;
4. Those who are refused religious burial, the society not being then obliged to attend the funeral.

In time of epidemic or war, society shall furnish coffin and hearse.

**66.** In time of epidemic or of war the society shall furnish only the coffin and hearse for any member who may die and who shall be entitled to be buried at the expense of the society.

After epidemic or war, society shall have funeral service.

When such epidemic or such war is over, the society shall cause a general burial service to be chanted for all who have died during that period, and all members residing in the town of St. John's shall attend in a body, under penalty of a fine of fifty cents, which fine shall be incurred by the fact of not attending, except however in the case of illness or absence as set forth in section 64.

## WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

**67.** The society shall pay to the widow of every deceased member, within sixty days from his death, an amount equal to one dollar for each of the members composing the society, provided, however, that the deceased member belonged to the society for twelve months previous to his death and was not indebted to the society, at the time of his death, for a larger amount than one dollar and fifty cents.

Benefit payable to widows.

The widow, in order to be entitled to such benefit, shall previously pay to the society the amount due to it by the deceased member, while the society shall likewise hand over to the widow the contributions which her husband may have paid to the society by anticipation or in advance.

Conditions.

It is understood that, as the money is received and collected only during the time of the sitting as above-mentioned, except in the case of a mission specially authorized by the society, if a member should die during the interval between two meetings, leaving any arrears whatsoever which he had not paid at the meeting previous to his death, neither the member himself nor his wife nor any one for them can have validly paid such arrears in the interval to the treasurer or to any one for the society, and it is understood that in such case the deceased member, unless this amount due by him does not exceed one dollar and fifty cents as aforesaid, shall be deemed not to have given and shall not give his wife any right to receive any benefit.

Forfeiture for non-payment of dues by husband.

**68.** If it should happen that several deaths occur during the same month, the society shall pay the benefits to the widow of the second deceased member only in the course of the month following the expiration of the delay specified in the preceding section for paying the first widow, and so on in the case of the others whose husbands die in the same month or in the following months, so that the society may have a delay of sixty days before paying a benefit to any widow and shall not, in any case, have to pay more than one widow in any month.

When several deaths occur how benefits are paid.

The society shall, from and after the expiration of the delay of sixty days which it reserves to itself, counting from the death of each member, to pay the widow's allowance, pay to the widows awaiting their turn to get their benefit, an allowance of one dollar per week during the period counting from the expiration of the sixty days delay above mentioned up to the date on which it actually pays the widow her benefit.

Allowance to widow await her turn.

No benefit for wife separated from bed and board because of immortality.

**69.** A wife who, at the death of her husband, is separated from his bed and board by judgment of a court, for immorality or evil conduct, shall not be entitled to any benefit.

Benefit payable to children.

**70.** The society shall pay ten cents per week to every child of a deceased member, whose mother is entitled to a benefit and fifteen cents per week to every child of a deceased member whose mother has forfeited every right to a benefit through a judgment of separation from bed and board for the reasons above set forth, and twenty cents per week to the children of such a member left fatherless and motherless ; but the children shall also forfeit all right to a benefit, like the widows in the cases mentioned in section 67 hereinabove, and the society shall in any case pay them a benefit, only until they are fourteen years of age, and so long as the society shall have in hand during the whole period of such payment, a capital of at least one thousand dollars.

Orphans to be placed in asylum.

**71.** With reference to fatherless and motherless children, left without means of subsistence, the society shall, if requested so to do by the relations of friends who have charge of them, take the necessary steps to place them in an asylum or elsewhere, and shall pay the expense incurred for that object to the amount of five dollars only, which amount of five dollars shall be taken from the benefits accruing to such orphans.

#### EXPULSION.

Reasons for and manner of expelling members.

**72.** The following persons may be expelled from the society and be struck from the list of members upon a resolution of the majority of the members present at any regular meeting :

1. Every member who belongs to a society forbidden by the Church ;
2. Every member who shall have been guilty of fraud in order to obtain admission as member ;
3. Every member who shall be indebted to the society in an amount exceeding three dollars for dues or contributions of any kind whatsoever ;
4. Every member who shall be guilty of conduct derogatory to the honor, dignity or interests of the club.

A member shall be deemed guilty of conduct derogatory to the honor of the club if his conduct is disorderly.

Before the expulsion of such member can be moved, the secretary of the society, upon an order from the latter, shall give him notice that he must change his

conduct and reform and if, during one month from such notice, such member's conduct has not changed, his expulsion may be voted;

5. Every member who shall be found guilty by any criminal court of any offence whatsoever;

6. Every member who, after his admission as member of the society shall abjure the Catholic religion and enter another Church.

**73.** Every member who shall be intoxicated while wearing his badge to the extent only of causing his condition to be remarked shall first pay a fine therefor of fifty cents. If he is intoxicated a second time under similar circumstances he shall pay a further fine of one dollar, and if he is intoxicated a third time, also under the same circumstances, he shall be expelled from the society. Fines and expulsion for intoxication.

**74.** In all the cases of expulsion hereinabove set forth in sections 72 and 73, the member so expelled shall forfeit all he has paid. Forfeitures in cases of expulsion.

**75.** Every member who shall disturb the order or decorum of a meeting at which he shall persist in his conduct, after having been called to order by the president, may also be expelled by the meeting and struck from the list of members. Expulsion for disorderly conduct.

The member so expelled shall also forfeit all he has paid. And forfeiture.

**76.** Every member who, for any reason whatsoever whether voluntary or otherwise, shall cease to belong to the society, shall forfeit all he has paid. Forfeiture by member ceasing to belong to society,

**77.** In order to remove all doubts as to the legality of the expulsions already pronounced and voted in the past by the society, against certain of its members, for default to pay their contributions and other dues owing by them to the society, which doubts result from the fact that, although the regulations of the society authorized such expulsions, the original act of incorporation did not authorize them in express terms, it is hereby declared that all expulsions already pronounced and voted by the society in the past up to the present against its members, for non-payment of their arrears of contributions and dues to the society, are by the present act acknowledged and declared to be valid and legal to all intents and purposes, without prejudice, however to pending suits, if any there be. Validation of former acts of expulsion.

#### RESIGNATIONS.

**78.** A member who may wish to resign shall forward his resignation, in writing, to the president during the Resignations.

sitting, but such resignation shall avail only if he be not indebted to the society, otherwise his resignation shall be considered null and void ; but the society shall have the right to expel a member indebted in the amount of three dollars and over, as aforesaid, if it deem proper to do so.

Expulsion of members owing three dollars.

Readmission of members.

Effect thereof.

**79.** The member who shall have so resigned may, nevertheless, during the four weeks following his resignation, and after his name has been struck from the list of members, apply to be restored to the society by a motion made at the meeting, and if the majority of the meeting are in favor of the same, he may, thereupon, be readmitted and resume all his previous rights as such member.

## FINES.

Society may impose fines by by-law.

**80.** The society shall have the right, by resolution or by law passed and voted at regular meetings, to impose fines upon any of its members who shall infringe any of the provisions of this act, or who shall refuse or neglect to comply with anything prescribed by this act or the rules and by laws of the society.

## FESTIVAL OF THE PATRON SAINT AND RELIGIOUS FESTIVALS.

Members to attend festival of patron saint.

How festival celebrated.

Penalty for non-attendance.

Exemption in favor of officer in another association.

**81.** All the members of the society residing in the town of St. John's shall be obliged to celebrate the festival of the patron saint of the society, the twenty fourth of June in each year, if the society decides that such festival be observed and celebrated.

The society, if it decides to observe and celebrate it, shall cause a solemn High Mass to be chanted on that day or, if it be a Sunday, shall attend the High Mass chanted in the parish church, at which all the members shall be obliged to attend in a body as well as the procession which shall take place before and after divine service, under penalty of a fine of fifty cents which shall be incurred by the member in default by the fact of his non-attendance ; except however in the case of a member who is sick and receives aid from the society or of a sick member who has sent to the president, before the society has left its rooms, a medical certificate as to his illness, or of a member who is absent from the town of St. John's, provided he has notified the president of his absence before the society has left its rooms.

However, an officer of the board of management of another association which is invited by the society need not march in the ranks of the society, provided he marches with the said association which has been so invited and in such case he shall not be liable to the fine.

A member of the society who belongs to the band may also leave the ranks of the society to play in the band and shall likewise be exempt from fine. In favor of member of the band.

**82.** The members of the society shall during the month of May in each year, pay twenty-five cents each for a fund to meet the expenses of the festival when the society wishes to observe and celebrate it; and those who have not paid such amount at the general meeting of the month of June shall be deprived of the benefits of the society until such sum has been paid, and even if they pay the same, but after the general meeting of the month of June, they shall be deprived of the benefits for four weeks following such payment. Fund for expenses of festival. Penalty for now payment.

**83.** If the society decides to march as a body in the procession of the Host on the Sunday following *Corpus Christi*, every member shall likewise be obliged to attend and to wear his badge and to march in the ranks of the society under penalty of a fine of fifty cents which shall be incurred by the fact of his not attending; with the exception however of those who are choristers or who belong to the band, who shall follow the procession with the choristers or with the band respectively, but shall, nevertheless, wear the badges of the society; with the exception also of those who are appointed to maintain order during the procession, provided they also wear their badges; with the exception also of the members who are members of the board of management of *l'Union St. Joseph*, the latter being exempted from wearing the badges of *la Société St. Jean Baptiste*, provided that *l'Union St. Joseph* marches as a body and attends the procession and that the said members are present; with the exception also of those who are sick or absent from the town, provided they comply with the requirements specified in the preceding sections. Corpus Christi procession, members to attend. Exemption.

**84.** The society may make all by-laws which it may deem expedient in connection with its marching in a body, both on the festival of the patron saint and on all other occasions. May make by-laws concerning processions.

#### PRIVILEGES OF THE CLERGY.

**85.** The parish priest shall be *ex-officio* chaplain of the society and shall further have the privilege of appointing one of his assistants (*vicaires*) to visit the society, and all the members of the Roman Catholic Clergy generally shall have the privilege of attending the meetings of the society, but shall take no part in the proceedings, except in so far as the morals of the members are concerned. Parish priest ex-officio chaplain. Priests may attend meetings but not vote.

## INVITATIONS.

Invitation to attend other festivals.

**86.** If the society is invited to attend in a body on the occasion of any festival, it shall not accept such invitation unless it be approved by the majority of the members present at the meeting at which such invitation is read.

Vote upon.

## CANCELLING OF A RESOLUTION.

Now resolutions may be cancelled.

**87.** A resolution adopted and passed at a regular meeting upon a subject which does not relate to matters which affect the regulations, can be set aside or cancelled by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

## RECEIPT BOOKS.

By-laws concerning receipt books.

**88.** The society may make all such by-laws as it may deem necessary with reference to the receipt books which each member must have for entering the receipts of his payments.

## LIMITATION OF ACTIONS.

Prescription of actions against society.

**89.** No action shall lie against the society to recover any of the benefits conferred by the present act, either in favor of the members themselves or of their widows and children or for any other claims whatsoever, unless such action be taken during the six months from the day on which such benefits or claims become due and exigible. This prescription shall be an absolute bar to all actions.

Prescription retroactive.

**90.** The same prescription and plea in bar is hereby enacted and established against all claims for benefits become due and exigible at any period before the passing of this act, either in favor of the members themselves or of their widows or children and against all claims whatsoever due in the past against the society, both in virtue of the original act of incorporation and of the rules and by-laws then in force.

Date from which prescription runs.

The six months required to complete the latter prescription shall count from the date when such benefits and claims became due and exigible in the past, in such manner that all the claims so due in the past against the society, as soon as a period of six months shall have elapsed from the date on which they became due and exigible, shall be and shall have been thereupon completely extinguished by the said prescription.

## DISSOLUTION.

Dissolution and liquidation of society.

**91.** Whenever all the members of the society consent upon a dissolution, or whenever the number of members

is reduced to less than seven, the society shall be considered dissolved and the liquidation of the society shall be effected in accordance with articles 371 and following of the Civil Code, unless the remaining members unanimously agree upon another method, in which case the method unanimously agreed upon by the members, may be followed; but neither of such methods shall affect acquired rights.

Not to affect acquired rights.

#### BY-LAWS.

**92.** The society shall at any of its regular meetings have power to make all rules, by-laws and regulations consistent with the present act which it may deem useful or necessary in the interest of the society, and to carry them out by means of fines to be imposed upon those of its members who infringe the same or who neglect or refuse to comply therewith.

Society may make by-laws, and impose fines.

The society shall likewise have power, from time to time, to amend and even to repeal the said rules, regulations and by-laws and to replace them by others if the same be deemed useful and necessary.

May amend and repeal same.

#### PRESENT PROPERTY AND FORMER BY-LAWS.

**93.** All real estate or moveable property and all debts, rights and claims belonging to the society, at the time of the passing of this act, shall be and are hereby vested in and shall belong to the society incorporated by the present act, with the obligation on the part of the latter to assume the debts of the former society.

Property vested in society.

Society to assume former debts.

The rules and regulations already established for the management of the said society shall be and continue to be the rules and by-laws of the society hereby incorporated until they are modified or repealed as herein prescribed.

Present rules and regulations continued in force.

The fruits, rents and revenues of such society shall be employed only for the purposes set forth in section 4 of this act and those connected therewith, and for the acquisition of property authorized by the present act, and for the repairs to be made to such property and generally for all purposes connected with the present act.

Application of revenues.

#### ATTORNEYS.

**94.** The society, in meeting assembled, may appoint such attorneys, administrators, delegates or servants as may be required for the management of its property and affairs, and may allow them such salary or remuneration as it may deem advisable.

Society may appoint administrators, etc.

Their remuneration.

## EXEMPTION FROM SEIZURE.

Benefits ex-  
empt from  
seizure.

**95.** No sum of money granted under the present act, either to a member when ill or to his widow or children by way of aid or assistance, shall be liable to seizure at the suit of any creditor of such member or of his widow or children; but the above provision shall not prevent the creditor of any member from seizing any sum which may be due to him by the society under any contract or undertaking entered into between the society and himself.

Exemption.

## SUITS AND APPLICATION OF FINES.

Recovery of  
fines and  
dues.

**96.** The fines, contributions and dues, which may become due to the society under the present act and the by-laws of the society, may be recovered, in the same manner as an ordinary debt, before the courts of civil jurisdiction in this Province, by suit brought in accordance with the provisions of the Code of Civil Procedure.

Fines, how  
employed.

**97.** The fines shall belong to the society and be by it employed for the same purposes as the other contributions and dues.

## HONORARY MEMBERS

Honorary  
members.

**98.** Any person, who does not possess the necessary qualification to entitle him to admission as member, may nevertheless be admitted as honorary member of the society upon application to that effect, provided he fulfills the following conditions, namely:

Conditions of  
admission.

That he pays an entrance fee of one dollar and contributes his share towards the expense of celebrating the festival of the patron saint, such share to be equal to that of the active members, and provided also that his nomination be approved by the majority of the members present at any regular meeting.

Rights of ho-  
norary mem-  
bers.

**99.** The honorary members may attend the meetings, but shall have no right to take part in the proceedings, nor shall they have any right to the benefits granted by the present act to other members.

Attendance at  
funerals of  
honorary  
members.

**100.** Upon the death of an honorary member, the society shall attend in a body as at the funeral of an active member, and the consequences and responsibilities incurred by the non-attendance of active members at the funeral of an active member, under the present act, shall be the same in the case of the funeral of an honorary member.

## REPORT &amp;C.

**101.** The society incorporated under the present act shall be bound to make annual reports to both branches of the Legislature, containing a general statement of the affairs of the corporation, which reports shall be submitted within the first twenty days of each session. Society to make annual report to Legislature.

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

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 SCHEDULE.

## FORM B.

## APPLICATION FOR BENEFITS.

To Mr.

The President of *La Société St. Jean-Baptiste de la ville de St. Jean.*

Sir,

I beg to inform you that I am prevented by illness from working and attending to any business whatsoever, and that I desire to secure the benefits to which I am entitled.

*(Place, date and signature.)*

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 FORM C.

## MEDICAL CERTIFICATE FOR ILLNESS.

I, the undersigned, physician certify that M. (*name and surname*) has been under my care since the (*date*) for (*mention the nature of the disease*), and that he is unable to do any work or attend to any business from which he might derive any benefit.

*(Place, date and signature.)*

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 FORM D.

## CERTIFICATE OF THE PARISH OR OFFICIATING PRIEST.

I, the undersigned priest, certify that M. (*name and surname*) of this (*town or parish*) is at present sick and seems to me to be unable to do any work or attend to any business from which he might derive any benefit.

*(Place, date and signature.)*

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## Form E.

## CERTIFICATE OF A JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.

I, the undersigned, one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace, for the Province of (*state place*) hereby certify that Mr. (*name and surname*) of (*town or parish*) in the (*township, county, &c.*) is at present ill, and seems to me to be unable to do any work or attend to any business from which he might derive any benefit.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, eighteen hundred and \_\_\_\_\_

(*Place and signature.*)

## Form F.

## NOTICE OF ABSENCE.

To Mr.

President of *La Société St. Jean-Baptiste de la ville de St. Jean.*

Sir,

I beg to inform you that I have to leave on (*state the day*) for (*state the place*) and that I intend to be absent for (*state the probable duration of absence.*)

(*Place, date and signature.*)

## CAP. LXVII.

An Act to incorporate the Drummondville Industrial Company.

[*Assented to 12th July, 1888.*]

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS Leopold Poirier, Benoni L. Comtois, Louis V. Morin, Emile Lafontaine, Joseph Lafontaine, Théodule J. Bourdeau, Wilfrid Simard, Joseph C. Girouard, Philippe Manseau, Antoine Rocheleau, Pierre A. Bérard, Cyprien Roy, François C. Janelle, J. Trefflé Caya, Elie Comtois, Samuel Dussault, Alphonse Béliveau, Georges A. Drouin, Esdras Poirier, Xavier Lemaire, Benjamin Poirier, and others have, by petition, prayed to be incorporated with others, and 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: