

2. The purchase money to be derived from the said sale shall be applied by the said Rector and his successors in office, either in the purchase or erection of a parsonage house in another part of the city of Montreal, for the benefit of, and in connection with St. Stephen's church, or otherwise for the endowment of the parsonage, rectory or living of the said St. Stephen's Church.

Application of
proceeds.

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

Coming into
force.

C A P . X L I I .

An Act to incorporate the Chapter of the Cathedral of Three Rivers.

[Assented to 9th May, 1885.]

WHEREAS the Reverend Charles Olivier Caron, vicar-general and official and provost, Luc Désilets, vicar-general, Jean-Octave Prince, Isaac Gélinas, Louis-Séverin Rhéault, arch-deacon, Majorique Marchand, Louis Pothier, Louis Richard, dean of the chapter, Jean-Baptiste Comeau, theologian, and François-Xavier Cloutier, penitentiary, all Roman Catholic priests of the diocese of Three Rivers, and resident therein, have, by their petition to the Legislature of the Province of Quebec, represented that, by an apostolic brief, issued on the sixteenth of July eighteen hundred and fifty-two, and by an episcopal mandate given on the fifteenth of August, eighteen hundred and eighty-four, the chapter of the Cathedral of Three Rivers was regularly and canonically erected, in accordance with the tenor of the instructions of the Sacred College of the Propaganda, accompanying the said brief, and that, by episcopal letters, under the seal of the diocese, dated the twenty-first of August eighteen hundred and eighty-four, they have been called to form the said Chapter, and for that purpose, elected, appointed, and instituted Titulary Canons of the cathedral of Three Rivers, with all the usual rights and privileges of cathedral chapters established in the Roman Catholic church, with a view of assisting the Ordinary in the administration of his diocese, and in case of a vacancy in the see to provide for the administration thereof; Whereas the said Chapter, so as regularly and efficiently to fulfil the material conditions of its existence, and to secure the necessary revenues to permit of the appointment of prebendary canons, under the provisions of ecclesiastical law, and to have perfect civil autonomy, without prejudice, however, to the episcopal jurisdiction, has

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prayed that the powers of a corporation, holding civil and political rights be accorded to it; Whereas, finally, in view of the advantages that must arise therefrom, it is expedient to grant the prayer thereof; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows:

Certain persons incorporated.

Name.

Powers.

1. The petitioners, who are all, at present, members of the Chapter of the Cathedral of Three Rivers, and all other persons who may hereafter canonically become members of the said Chapter, shall be and are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, under the name of the "Chapter of the Cathedral of Three Rivers," with all the civil and political rights, privileges, immunities and powers, usual to corporations.

Rights, &c., of corporation.

2. The corporation shall, under the said name, have perpetual succession and shall enjoy all the rights, powers and privileges of other corporations, and specially of those which have been erected for spiritual, religious or moral purposes.

Power to associate members, &c.

3. The corporation may and shall, at all times, associate with its members other members canonically elected and appointed, establish them in one or more places, and support them therein out of the funds of the said corporation, either in the offices and duties attached to their said titles or in the functions which are or may be assigned to them as members of the said Chapter and in the civil and religious interests thereof.

Power to hold, &c., property.

4. The corporation may also, at all times and in all places, by purchase, donation, legacy, cession, loan, or under this act, or by any other lawful means and legal title, acquire, hold, possess, inherit, have, accept, and receive all movable and immovable property whatever, for the uses and purposes of the said corporation, and may also hypothecate, sell, lease, farm out, exchange, alienate, and lawfully dispose of the same in whole or in part for the same purposes, but always in conformity with the canonical rules; provided that such immovable property does not exceed in annual value the sum of thirty thousand dollars, over the value of the immovable property occupied or required for the purposes of the corporation.

Amount limited.

Power to sue and be sued.

5. The corporation may plead and be impleaded in all courts of justice in this Province, in the same manner as any other body politic and corporate.

6. The majority of the members present at capitulary meetings, canonically called, shall form the council of administration of the corporation, and shall have full power and authority to make, establish and sanction rules, by-laws, orders and statutes, not contrary to this act or to the laws in force in this Province, but which they may deem necessary or useful for the good administration thereof, either for the admission, amotion, change and domicile of their members, or for the acquisition, possession, management and alienation of their movable and immovable property, the whole in conformity with the canonical institutes, and without prejudice to the real or personal rights acquired by the members of the said corporation. They shall also have full power and authority to amend, correct and repeal, in whole or in part, the said rules, by-laws, orders and statutes and to substitute others in lieu thereof.

Council of administration.
Power of council.

7. The council of administration of the corporation may appoint, remove and change one or more of its administrators, procurators or other officers, upon whom it may confer authority and power or limit the same to govern in its name and manage its affairs, under its responsibility, and the acts of the person or persons, so authorized, shall be as obligatory as if made and passed by the council of administration itself.

Appointment of administrators, &c.

8. The corporation may have a common seal, with power to alter, change, and renew the same, when and as often as they deem expedient so to do.

Common seal.

9. No one of the members of the corporation can, under any circumstances, exercise, for himself, any rights of property in or upon the property of the said corporation or the possession thereof, such power being vested solely in the council of administration.

Property vested in corporation.

10. The members of the corporation shall not be personally liable for the obligations thereof.

Liability of members.

11. It shall be the duty of the corporation, whenever thereunto required, to submit to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, a detailed statement of the immovable properties thereof, held under this act, and the revenues arising therefrom.

Return to Lieutenant-Governor.

12. This act shall come into force on the day of the sanction thereof.

Coming into force.