

CAP. LII.

An Act to incorporate "*La Société St. Jean-Baptiste de St. Césaire.*"

[Assented to 9th May, 1885.]

WHEREAS there has existed for several months, in the Preamble. Parish of St. Césaire, in the District of St. Hyacinthe, an association, known under the name of "*La Société St. Jean Baptiste de St. Césaire.*" which was organized for the purpose of celebrating with more solemnity the patronal festival of the French Canadians, and of giving relief to its members who might be unable to work, owing to illness or accident, and of paying certain indemnity to the heirs of deceased members; whereas it is necessary for the proper working and the prosperity of the said association that it should enjoy the rights, powers and privileges of an incorporated society; and whereas the members of the association have, by their petition to the Legislature of this province, prayed that it be incorporated 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:

1. Abbé J. A. Provençal, L. H. Beaudry, G. A. Giguère, Charles Meunier, P. R. Peltier, A. Archambault, Jos. C. Desautels, A. Gareau, S. F. Noisieux, T. D. Ogden, Charles Pigeon, Jos. Desmarais, Napoléon Desmarais, Pierre Denis, Robert Ostiguy, Charles Grisé, François Berthiaume, Arthur Dorval, Amédée Ponton, Alexis Préfontaine, Jérémie Rouleau, H. D. Béland, Napoléon Marien, Antoine Favreau, A. G. N. Ostiguy, Télesphore Bousquet, Elie Boucher, Hormisdas Ponton, François Bachand, Alexis Berthiaume, Ludger Berger, Eugène Bernier, Henri Dubuc, Calixte Malo, Chas. Malo, F. X. Loranger, Alphonse Guay, Leopold Phaneuf, Almour Leroux, Jos. Authier, William Brodeur, Charles Garceau, Désiré Godin, Alfred Gingras, J. B. Bissonnette, Pascal Casavant, Hypolite Lacroix, Michel Masse, Georges Angers, Pierre Masse, Jos. Charbonneau, Ulderic Massé, Georges Chagnon, Prime Rouleau, Zotique Gaudet, Napoléon Girard, Isidore Lebœuf, J. B. Dulude, Frs. Garceau, Frs. Demers, Jos. Ostiguy, Philippe Dupuis, Napoléon Tessier, Emery Côté, Joseph Tétreault, Frs. Ducharme, Frs. Allard, Jos. Bélanger, Frs. Gagné, Hormisdas Dubourg, Ulderic Girard, David Pelletier, Richard Savage, Philéas Métivier, Alfred Bélanger, and such other persons as are at present members of the association or who may become so hereafter in virtue of the provisions of this act and of the by-laws passed thereunder, shall be

Persons incorporated.

and are hereby constituted a corporation, and they and their successors shall be in fact and in name, for the purposes aforesaid, a corporation, under the name of "*La Société St. Jean Baptiste de St. Césaire.*"

General powers.

2. Under such name the said 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

Power to hold, &c., property.

under such name it may, from time to time, under any legal title or contract, bind itself, purchase, acquire, accept and receive, by gratuitous and 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 movable and immovable property, situate and being in the province of Quebec, required for the actual 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 may 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 two thousand dollars.

Limitation as to amount.

Property of association vested in corporation.

3. All movable and immovable property, all debts, dues and claims whatsoever belonging to the said 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, shall be and are hereby vested in the said corporation; but it shall be charged with all the debts and obligations of the said association and the members of the corporation shall not be personally liable for the obligations thereof.

Proviso as to debts, &c.

Rules, &c., of association to be rules, &c., of corporation.

4. The rules, regulations and by-laws of the said 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 until repealed or amended under the act of incorporation, and the present officers of the association shall be those of the corporation until others be elected, in accordance with the by-laws of the corporation.

Power to pass and amend rules, by-laws, &c.

5. Any majority whatsoever of the members of the corporation for the time being, present at any 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, the administration of its property and affairs, the admission and expulsion 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, and their 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-laws, 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 ; such majority may also do, execute and administer all and every the other matters and things relating to the said corporation and to the government and administration of the property and affairs 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 ; proviso. ded 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.

6. The members of the said corporation for the time being or the majority thereof shall have power to appoint such attorneys, officers, administrators, delegates and servants as may be required for the administration of the property of the corporation and the proper government and management of the affairs thereof and to allow them respectively a suitable 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. Appointment of officers, &c. Their powers.

7. The rents, revenues and profits of the corporation shall be exclusively affected to and employed in assisting and supporting the members and their heirs, in acquiring immovable property, in erecting and repairing buildings, in acquiring articles for decorative purposes and musical instruments to be used in celebrating the national festival, and for 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, r. revenues, &c. of corporation.

8. The corporation may, at any time hereafter, in default of payment, bring suits at law before a civil court of Power to sue for arrears of

subscriptions, &c. competent jurisdiction, in its corporate name for the recovery of subscriptions or contributions, fines or penalties, all other sums of money, movable and immovable rights and claims whatsoever now due and belonging to the said association or which shall hereafter become due and belong to the corporation; and the by-laws of the said 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; but any member may, however, withdraw from the said association at any time by complying with the by-laws then in force.

Withdrawal of members.

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.

Chief office.

10. The head office and chief place of business of the corporation shall be in the village of St. Cesaire.

Certain monies declared not liable to seizure.

11. No sum of money, granted by the corporation in virtue of its constitution or of any of its by-laws as aid or assistance to its members who are unable to work, through illness or accident, or to the heirs of a deceased member, shall be liable to seizure either before or after judgment; provided that nothing in this section shall in anywise 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 corporation and such member.

Proviso.

Return 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.

C A P. L I I I.

An Act to incorporate "*La Société St. Jean Baptiste de Farnham.*"

[Assented to 9th May, 1885.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS there has existed for several months, in the town of Farnham in the District of Bedford, an association known under the name of "*La Société St. Jean*"