

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*"

Baptiste de Farnham”, 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; 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 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:

1. Jean-Benjamin Valiquet, Joseph Léquin, Louis Giroux, Joseph Smith, Charles Ulderic Dufresne, Alexandre N. Ouimet, François Xavier Giroux, Gustave Boulanger, L. E. S. Choquette, Édouard Choquette, J. S. Gendron, Escupérie Smith, Siméon Noisieux, Joseph Benjamin Nadeau, Jean Baptiste Archambault, Ludger Hébert, Théophile Berard, François Léquin junior, Jean Baptiste Blain, Louis Martel, J. A. Decelles, J. D. Decelles, Noé Chevalier, J. S. Poulin, Alcibiade d'Artois, D. H. Rochon, Alphonse Desautels, Joseph C. Desautels, and such other persons as 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 “*La Société St. Jean Baptiste de Farnham*,”

Certain persons incorporated.

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 viros* 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 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 two thousand dollars.

General powers.

Proviso.

Certain prop-
erty, &c.,
vested in
corporation.

Proviso.

Present rules,
&c., of asso-
ciation.

Power to make
by-laws, &c.

Power of
majority to
administer
property, &c.

Proviso.

Power to ap-
point adminis-
trators, &c.

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.

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 hereby incorporated until repealed or amended under the act of incorporation, and the present officers of the association shall remain in office until others be elected, in accordance with the by-laws of the corporation.

5. A majority of the members of the corporation, 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 and 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, their widows and orphans, 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, 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 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.

6. The members of the said corporation for the time being 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 then 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. Their powers.

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, in acquiring immovable 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 revenues, &c.

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, 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 constituted by this act ; and the books, registers, by-laws, archives and other documents or papers 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 ; Power to sue for subscriptions, &c.

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

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. Members competent as witnesses.

10. The head-office and chief place of business of the corporation shall be in the town of Farnham and shall be that kept by the recording secretary. and the regular meetings shall be held in the same town. Head office of corporation.

11. No sum of money granted by the corporation in virtue of its by-laws as aid or assistance to its members Sums granted by corporation to members,

&c., not liable to seizure. who are unable to work, through illness or accident, or to the widows or orphans of a deceased member, shall be liable to seizure either before or after judgment; provided always that 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 corporation and such member; and such sum of money shall not under any pretext, not even by will or codicil be surrendered, transferred or otherwise made over by the persons to whom the same may be granted or their lawful heirs; but such sum shall be transmitted only by abintestate succession.

Proviso.

Return to Legislature. **12.** Every year, within the first twenty days of the session of the Legislature, the said corporation shall make to the Lieutenant Governor and to the two branches of 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 V .

An Act to incorporate "The Temperance League of the county of Arthabaska"

[Assented to 9th May, 1885]

Preamble.

WHEREAS the Reverend Mr. Joseph Napoleon Heroux, archpriest and parish priest of St. Christophe d'Arthabaska, V. P. Jutras, parish priest of St Patrick of Tingwick, F. X. Lizé, chaplain of the Hôtel Dieu at Arthabaskaville, P. J. O. Milot, chaplain of the College at Arthabaskaville, Pierre L. Tousignant, Solime Bourbeau, Louis Edouard Paraud, Joseph Lavergne, Nazaire Dion, Abraham Robida, Thomas Baril, Ferdinand Beauchêne, Louis Blanchet, Joseph Daigle, Raphael Richard, Lawrence John Cannon, Honoré Pepin, Felix Baril, Edouard Hypolite Laliberté and a great many others, all electors and freeholders of the county of Arthabaska, have, by petition, prayed for an act of incorporation, under the name of "The Temperance League of the county of Arthabaska" and to be granted certain powers hereinafter mentioned, 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: