

CAP. LIII.

An Act to consolidate and amend the acts relating to *Les Sœurs de l'Asile de la Providence de Montréal.*

[Assented to 10th June, 1884.]

WHEREAS *Les Sœurs de l'Asile de la Providence de Montréal*, incorporated by act of Parliament of the heretofore Province of Canada, have by their petition represented that their institution fulfills the object of its foundation; that it has greatly extended its operations in this province and multiplied its works of charity and benevolence, that, since its incorporation, it has become a religious community, duly established and recognized by the authorities of the Roman Catholic Church; that, in order to better define its powers and remove all doubts as to the same, it is expedient to consolidate and amend the acts incorporating it; and whereas it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows;

1. *Les Sœurs de l'Asile de la Providence de Montréal* constitute a corporate body which shall be hereafter known and designated under the name of "*La Communauté des Sœurs de Charité de la Providence*;" under such name they shall have perpetual succession and may possess a common seal and from time to time alter, change and renew the same at will, plead and be impleaded in all courts of justice, sue and be sued in the same manner as any corporate body or any other person whomsoever.

2. *La Communauté des Sœurs de Charité de la Providence* may establish its corporate seat and its principal establishment in such place as it may deem proper in this province, and may establish branch houses in different places in order to carry out the objects of its undertaking.

3. The said corporation shall have a chapter and a council, composed and selected in the manner prescribed by the rules and regulations in force in the said community; and the said chapter is authorized to make all necessary rules and regulations concerning the election, the number and the powers of the office-holders, the admission and discharge of the members of the said institution, the method of convening meetings of the chapter and of the council, the date at which the meetings shall be held, the number of members necessary to constitute a quorum at such meet-

ings, the powers and functions of the council, and generally all other by laws necessary for the management of the property and affairs of the institution and for the guidance and internal government of the members, and may alter and repeal the same, from time to time, in whole or in part, provided such by-laws be not contrary to this act nor to the laws in force in this province.

Power to appoint officers.

4. The council of the community may name such officers, procurators or administrators as may be necessary for the internal government and for the proper administration of the affairs of the corporation, both at the principal establishment and at the branches thereof.

Power of corporation to acquire, &c., property.

5. *La Communauté des Sœurs de Charité de la Providence* shall have power to purchase, acquire, possess, hold, have, accept and receive for the requirements and objects of the corporation, all lands, tenements, hereditaments, constituted and other rents and, generally, all movable and immovable property whatsoever in trust or otherwise, either by purchase, donation, legacy, gift or otherwise, and the same may sell, alienate, hypothecate, assign, lease, transfer, exchange or otherwise dispose of in any way whatsoever for the same purposes.

Provido as to value.

Provided that the annual value or revenue of the immovables it may possess, apart from those which it may itself occupy for the requirements of the various establishments which it now has or may hereafter establish, shall not exceed the sum of one hundred thousand dollars for the principal establishment and fifteen thousand dollars for each branch; these powers being granted for the reasons set forth in the act 34 Victoria, chapter 53, as explained in the preamble and provisions of that statute.

Corporation may establish certain homes &c., for aged &c., persons.

6. The said corporation shall have the right to establish houses: for the support of aged, infirm, sick and indigent persons; for the care of the sick, insane, prisoners and delinquents; for the instruction and education of deaf-mutes and orphans and for teaching children; for visiting and attending the sick and the poor at their own residences, those under sentence of death and prisoners, for attending to funerals and helping at the same; for taking care of foundlings and teaching and educating them; for receiving and boarding such persons as desire to place themselves under the care of the sisters of the community, as well as sick, aged, infirm or retired priests; and generally for the performance and accomplishment of all acts of charity and benevolence.

The corporation shall also have the right to establish boarding schools, hospitals, orphanages, infirmaries, asylums and refuges, schools and educational establishments, industrial and reformatory schools and other benevolent institutions and to keep dispensaries.

7. The corporation shall further have the rights and powers conferred upon it by the act 40 Victoria, chapter 59, for the reasons set forth in the said statute, both in the preamble and in the provisions thereof, to wit: to manufacture medicaments, to carry on industries and sell to the public all articles and merchandize so manufactured, as well as to use them in the said institutions and to carry on, as in the past, the industries at present in operation in its various establishments and all industries which it might require to exercise for the support of the same, and this in as ample a manner as any individual, body or corporation; subject always to the laws, rules and regulations respecting such manufactures and industries, in force in this province and in the cities, towns and other municipalities of this province, in which such manufactures and industries are carried on; provided always that all the profits and revenues, arising directly or indirectly from the said manufactures, industries and sales, shall be exclusively employed to the profit and for the maintenance of the benevolent institutions of the corporation and the carrying on of the said works of charity, without its being in the power of the corporation to withdraw or divert any portion thereof to any work or object foreign to the said works, unless it be for purposes of charity, or subscriptions to pious and benevolent objects.

8. The properties used as houses of the corporation, in which chapels are built for divine worship, shall be exempted from the taxes levied for the construction and repair of churches and parsonages; and the corporation is authorized to keep in its houses, in addition to the registers containing monastic vows, registers of burial.

And whereas doubts may arise respecting the validity of the registers kept in the asylum of St. Jean de Dieu de Longue Pointe since its foundation, such registers are hereby rendered valid for all lawful purposes.

9. The acts 4-5 Victoria, chapter 67, 24 Victoria, chapter 115, 34 Victoria, chapter 53, and 40 Victoria, chapter 59 are hereby repealed, in so far as they may be inconsistent with this act.

Boarding schools, &c.

Corporation may manufacture certain medicaments, &c.

Provide as to employment of profits therefrom.

Certain property of corporation exempt from taxation. Corporation may keep certain registers.

Certain registers, heretofore kept, ratified.

4-5 V., c. 67, 24 V., c. 115, 34 V., c. 53, 40 V., c. 59, repealed in so far as inconsistent with this act.

Donations to
corporation not
to be annulled
for misnomer.

I. Provided that no legacy, donation, gift, &c., which shall hereafter be made to the corporation under its former corporate name or under the name by which it is commonly called to wit: "Les Sœurs de la Providence de Montréal," shall be annulled or contested for such defect only, when the intentions of the testator or donor shall be evident.

Legacy by
Mme. Masson
of certain real
estate not
affected.

II. Provided that nothing in this act contained shall change the conditions of the legacy made by Mrs. Widow Masson of Terrebonne, in favor of "Les Sœurs de Charité de la Providence," of a certain property situated in the said place, Terrebonne, with the house and buildings thereon erected.

Coming into
force.

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

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An Act to incorporate the Montreal Butchers' Provident and Mutual Benefit Association.

[Assented to 10th June, 1884.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS the president and a certain number of the Montreal Butchers' Union, have, by their petition, represented to the Legislature that such association has been constituted for the purpose of mutual assistance, in the case of illness or infirmity of any of its members and of affording to the widows and children of deceased members certain allowances and indemnities; and whereas the members of the said association have, by their petition, 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 incor-
porated.

I. Dominique Contant, Israël Daoust, Jean Baptiste Bourassa, Hermas Poitras, Amédé Martin, Edouard Leduc, Charles Soubercent, G. Conville, G. Granger, Ferdinand L'ayard, Olivier Derome, Fabien Giroux, and all other persons who are now, or may hereafter become members of the said association, under the provisions of the present act, shall be, and they are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate under the name of "The Montreal Butchers' Provident and Mutual Benefit Association," and under such name may exercise each and every the general powers whereof corporate bodies are possessed, regard being always had

Name.

General
powers.