

12. All suits for infringement of the present act may be instituted before the Circuit Court for the District of Three Rivers, or before any justice of the peace for the same district. Suits for infringing this act, where brought.

13. This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction. Act in force.

C A P. L X I.

An Act to incorporate "The Chapter of the Cathedral of Saint-Germain of Rimouski."

[Assented to 30th March, 1883.]

WHEREAS the very reverend Edmond Langevin, Preamble. provost, vicar general, and the reverend Louis Desjardins, Jean-Baptiste Blanchet, Pierre Charles Alphonse Winter, Martial Richard Bilodeau, Désiré Vézina, Charles Alphonse Carbonneau, penitentiary, Louis Jacques Langis, theologian, Pierre Joseph Saucier and Pierre Audet, all Roman Catholic priests of the diocese of Saint-Germain of Rimouski, 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 eighth of December, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, the Chapter of the cathedral of Saint-Germain of Rimouski, was regularly and canonically erected, and all and each of them have been called to form part of the said Chapter, and for that purpose elected, appointed and instituted Titulary Canons of the cathedral of Saint-Germain of Rimouski, with all the usual rights and privileges of cathedral Chapters established in the Roman Catholic church; 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 establishment of canonical prebends, under the provisions of ecclesiastical law, and to have perfect civil autonomy, without prejudice, however, to episcopal jurisdiction, have prayed that the powers of a corporation, holding civil and political rights, be granted to them; and also whereas in view of the advantages that must arise therefrom, 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. The petitioners, who are all, at present, members of the Chapter of the cathedral of Saint-Germain of Rimouski, Certain persons incorporated.

Name and powers. 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 Saint-Germain of Rimouski," with all the civil and political rights, privileges, immunities and powers usual to corporations.

Further powers of corporation. 2. The corporation shall, under the same 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. They may and shall, at all times, associate with themselves other members canonically elected and appointed, establish them in one or more places, and support them therein out of the funds of the 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. They 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 moveable and immoveable property whatever, for the uses and purposes of the corporation, and also hypothecate, sell, lease, farm out, exchange, alienate, and finally lawfully dispose of the same in whole or in part, for the same purposes, but always in conformity with the canonical rules; provided that the annual value of the property so owned shall not exceed twenty five thousand dollars.

Proviso as to amount of real estate to be held.

Seal. 3. The corporation shall have a common seal, with power to alter, change, and renew the same when and as often as they deem expedient so to do.

Power to sue, &c. 4. The corporation may sue and be sued in all courts of justice in this Province, in the same manner as any other body corporate.

Council of administration and its powers. 5. The majority of the members present at capitulary meetings, canonically called, shall form the council of administration of the said 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 the laws in force in this Province, but which they may deem necessary or useful for the good administration thereof, either for the admission, resignation, change and domicile of their members, or for the acquisition, possession, management and alienation of their moveable and immoveable property, the whole in conformity with the canonical

institutes and without prejudice to the real or personal rights acquired by the members of the 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.

6. 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 to limit the same, to manage in its name and under its responsibility the affairs of the corporation; and the acts of the person or persons so authorized shall be as obligatory as if made and passed by the said council of administration themselves.

Powers of council to remove, &c., officers, &c.

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

Property to be managed by council.

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

Members not personally liable for obligations.

9. It shall be the duty of the said corporation, whenever thereunto required, to submit to the Lieutenant Governor in council a detailed statement of the immoveable property thereof, held under this act, and the revenues arising therefrom.

Detailed statement to be submitted to Lieut. Gov. when required.

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

Act in force.

CAP. LXII.

An Act to incorporate the "Dominicans or Preaching Friars of the Province of Quebec."

[Assented to 30th March, 1883.]

WHEREAS there exists in this Province a religious order, canonically established in the Parish of Notre Dame du St. Rosaire de St. Hyacinthe, known as the Dominicans or Preaching Friars; whereas the said religious order has, through its Superior and its professed members, prayed to be incorporated, and it is expedient to grant their said prayer; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows:

Preamble.