

within the Province of Quebec, to the value of not exceeding ten thousand dollars *per annum*, whether already acquired or which it may hereafter acquire, either in its own name, or by trustees on its behalf; and may also in addition acquire and take in its own name, any real estate in said Province, *bona fide*, hypothecated to it as security, and which it may purchase at any judicial sale of its debtors' property, or which such debtors may assign to said company in full or partial payment; but such last mentioned real estate must be disposed of within five years from the date of its acquisition.

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6. Nothing in this act contained shall extend, or, be deemed construed or taken to incorporate the said company, or to relieve or discharge the said company, or any of the proprietors thereof, or subscribers thereto, from any responsibility, duties, contracts or obligations whatsoever, which by law they now are, or at any time hereafter, may be subject, or liable to, either between the said company and others, or between the individual proprietors of the said company or any of them, and or others or amongst themselves, or in any manner whatsoever.

Effect of this act.

C A P . L X V .

An Act respecting societies and establishments, in this province, for the manufacture of butter or cheese or of both combined.

[Assented to 27th May, 1882.]

WHEREAS several butter and cheese manufacturing societies have already been established in the province, under the provisions of chapter 65 of the Consolidated Statutes for Lower Canada, respecting partnerships; whereas, the said act does not give them all the advantages which an act of incorporation would, and in the interest of this industry, which is being developed every day, it is expedient to give them powers of incorporation: Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows:

Preamble.

1. When five or more persons, in any part whatsoever of the province, shall have respectively signed a declaration that they have formed an association for the manufacture of butter or cheese (or of both, as the case may be) in a certain place which shall be designated as their principal

Manner of constituting dairymen's associations into corporations.

place of business and shall have deposited such declaration in the hands of the prothonotary of the Superior Court in the district where the society intends to do business; such persons and all such other persons as may thereafter become members of such society, their heirs, executors, curators, administrators, successors and assigns, respectively, shall constitute a body politic and corporate, under the name of the "butter or cheese manufacturing society (or both as the case may be) of (name the place and the number of the manufactory as mentioned in the declaration.)"

Certificate of declaration to be delivered by prothonotary.

The prothonotary shall deliver to all such companies a certificate, stating that such declaration has been made, which certificate shall be enregistered in the registry office of the place where such society has its principal place of business, and be also, without delay, forwarded to the commissioner of agriculture.

Corporate powers of societies so formed.

2. Every such society shall, for the purposes for which it has been established, enjoy all the powers vested in ordinary corporations, especially that of choosing officers from among its members, of passing by-laws, which shall not be contrary to any of the laws of this province, to determine the number of its members, the amount of the shares and the mode of levying the same, for the internal management and for conducting its proceedings and administration of its affairs in general.

First meeting of shareholders of such societies.

3. The first meeting of shareholders of the said society shall take place, within the eight days following the deposit of the declaration mentioned in the first section of this act, after a special notice to that effect has been given to the shareholders, by at least two shareholders of the said company, which notice shall be given at least two days before the said meeting, for the purpose of electing officers and approving the by-laws of the society.

Subsequent annual meetings, &c.

The annual general meetings afterwards and all special meetings of the society shall be regulated by by-law.

Stock subscription book and minute book.

4. A book shall be kept by the society for entering the subscriptions of shares and another for entering in detail all the transactions of the society.

Books to be open to inspection of members.

5. Each of these books and the by-laws shall be constantly open to the inspection of any of the members.

33 Vict., cap. 30, sec. 2, amended.

6. Section 2 of the act 33 Victoria, chapter 30, is hereby amended by adding after the word : "offence" in the third line, the following words : "upon information laid by the

party interested, or one of them, if there be more than one ;” and by replacing, in the twelfth, thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth lines of said section, the words : “ one moiety to the informer and the other moiety to the secretary-treasurer of the municipality, where the offence shall have been committed,” by the following words : “ to the informer, for the benefit of the party or parties aggrieved. ”

7. During the course of the month of December in each year, a statement of its operations, for the year, shall be forwarded to the Commissioner of Agriculture, by each society formed under this act. Statement to be furnished to Commissioner of Agriculture.

8. This act shall apply to the butter and cheese manufacturing factories already established ; provided they comply with the rules and regulations established by this act. Application of act to societies already formed.

9. The declaration, to be made under the provisions of this act in order to constitute into a corporation any butter and cheese manufacturing society, shall be in the form of the schedule hereunto annexed. Form of declaration by members.

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

SCHEDULE.

We the undersigned agree to form a society under the provisions of the act 45 Victoria, chapter 65, respecting societies and establishments, in this Province, for the manufacture of butter or cheese or of both combined, which shall be called “ The Butter (or Cheese), (or the Butter and Cheese), Manufacturing Society, of the parish of _____, in the county of _____ ”, and we bind ourselves to abide by all the rules and by-laws of the said society.

Signatures.

C A P . L X V I .

An act to authorize the formation of a society under the name of the “ Industrial Dairy Society of the Province of Quebec.”

[Assented to 1st May, 1882]

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows :