

8. No member of the corporation shall be responsible ^{Members not} for any debt of the corporation, beyond any amount he may ^{responsible for} have agreed to contribute and which may remain unpaid. ^{debts of corpora-} ^{tion.}

9. Within three months, after the passing of this act, a ^{First meeting} meeting of the corporation shall be held, at the city of ^{of corporation.} Montreal, and convened by a notice signed by at least two of the persons hereinbefore named; such notice to be ^{Notice calling} inserted in one newspaper, at Montreal, twice during a ^{such meeting.} week previous to the meeting for the purpose of general business, under this act.

C A P . X C I I I .

An Act to incorporate the "*Hospice St. Joseph de la Délivrance.*"

[Assented to 27th May, 1882.]

WHEREAS the Sisters of Charity, of the town of Levis, ^{Preamble.} constituted a corporation by virtue of the Act, 26 Victoria, chapter 35, have represented that they have established, for some years past, in the parish of Notre-Dame de la Victoire, in the county of Levis, a hospice to receive the aged, the sick, and orphans of both sexes, and also for the purposes of education; and whereas they consider that it is in the interest of the said hospice that the powers of a corporation be conferred on them; and whereas, in consideration of the advantages which have resulted, and which would result from the said institution, it is deemed expedient to grant the prayer of the said petitioners; Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows:

1. There shall be and is, by the present act, constituted ^{Constitution of} and established, in the parish of Notre-Dame de la Victoire, ^{the corpora-} a body politic and corporate under the name of "*Hospice* ^{Name.} *St. Joseph de la Délivrance,*" composed of the present directresses of the said hospice; Sister St. Peter, Sister Marie de Bon Secours, Sister St. Magdalen, Sister St. Gabriel, ^{Members of} all Sisters of Charity, in their quality of superioress, assistant, depositary, first hospitaler, and secretary, and such ^{the corpora-} other sisters who shall fill, with or after them, the five aforesaid offices to which they shall be appointed, according to the constitution of their order, and for the time they fill the aforesaid offices. Three members of the said ^{Quorum.} corporation, including the superioress, who shall *ex-officio*

be president, or in her absence the assistant, shall form a quorum, the said corporation being limited to not more than five members.

General powers to make by-laws.

2. The majority of the corporation, for the time being, shall have power and authority to make such by-laws, rules, orders and regulations, not contrary to the present act nor to the laws in force in this province, as they may deem useful or necessary, both for the interests and the purposes of the said corporation and the management thereof, and for the good administration of all property belonging thereto. The said corporation may, from time to time, modify, change, or repeal the said by-laws, rules, orders, and regulations, or any of them, as the corporation may judge necessary for the good administration of the said hospice, subject to the approval of the Roman Catholic Diocesan Bishop, who may always disallow such by-law, rule, order or regulation, made by the said corporation, and thereupon such by-law, rule, order or regulation, shall be considered null and void.

Power to contract, &c.

3. The said corporation shall have perpetual succession, and may, under its own name, contract and treat, sue law and be sued, implead and be impleaded, summon and be summoned in all courts of law and places whatsoever in this province.

Acquire, &c. property &c.

It shall also have power, without other authority, to acquire, by purchase, donation or otherwise, to receive by legacy, hold, possess, take and accept, for the purposes of the said corporation, all lands, tenements or hereditaments, and property movable and immovable, also to sell, let, hypothecate, transfer, exchange, alienate and dispose thereof, as also to acquire others in their stead for the purposes aforesaid; provided always that the net income, annual fruits and profits of the immovables of the said corporation, other than the grounds whereon the edifices of the said hospice are built, which grounds have an area of about thirty acres, and such as may hereafter be acquired in the environs of the said house, and which shall be adjacent to the grounds which the said hospice now possesses, shall not exceed in value the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars current money of this province.

Proviso, as to amount.

Obligation to sell property exceeding such amount.

In case the said corporation should receive, by legacy or donation, any immovable property, in excess of that which they are authorized to possess, the said donation or legacy shall not be void for that reason; but the said corporation shall be obliged, within ten years, dating from the taking possession thereof, to sell or alienate the said immovable property or any other of its landed properties, so as not to exceed the aforesaid amount.

The corporation shall also generally enjoy all the rights and privileges of other bodies corporate and politic recognized by the legislature. Rights and privileges.

4. All the properties, which the said corporation shall at any time possess as well as the revenues arising therefrom, shall always be employed and appropriated exclusively to charity and education, as also to the construction, repairing, and renting of the edifices, necessary for the purposes of the corporation, both in favor of the principal house as of the branch houses, which may be established hereafter, either in the town of Levis, or in the parish of Notre-Dame de la Victoire, or elsewhere. The annual income of the landed property occupied by the said branch houses not to exceed, for each of them, the sum of fifteen thousand dollars currency of this province. Use of property and revenues. Proviso as to value of real estate of branch houses.

5. The grounds on which the said hospice is situated and its dependencies, about thirty acres in superficies, acquired from Edouard Couture and John Cook Thompson, Esquires, and the buildings thereon erected and employed for its use, are, by virtue of the present act, and as long as they shall be possessed by the said corporation, shall be exempt from all municipal or school taxes and from all contributions for the erection or maintenance of any church or presbytery. Exemption from taxation for municipal and school purposes, and from any rates for building churches and presbyteries.

6. The landed property of about thirty acres in superficies, aforesaid, with the hospice and its dependencies thereon constructed, the claims and other rights relating thereto, the debts contracted for the said hospice and with which it is now charged, according to the agreement on the subject, between the directresses of the two institutions on the eighth of October one thousand eight hundred and eighty one, by an act under private signature, with regard to the sharing of the claims and debts, as well as the testamentary donations or gifts *inter vivos* made in favor of the two aforesaid establishments, the whole as now possessed or due by the aforesaid Sisters of Charity of the town of Levis incorporated by the act 26 Victoria, chapter 35, are, by the present act, with the consent of the said Sisters of Charity, vested in the corporation constituted by the present act. The said act shall not however affect in any way the rights of those to whom the said debts or mortgages are due. Certain property vested in the corporation.

7. It shall be the duty of the said corporation to submit to the Lieutenant Governor, when required so to do, a report indicating the immovable properties possessed by virtue of the present act, and the revenues arising therefrom, as also the number of orphans, aged, and sick persons supported in the said hospice. Report to the legislature.