

Office of incorporation.

5. The office and place of business of the said corporation shall be in the said town of Salaberry de Valleyfield, and the regular meetings shall take place in the said town.

Annual report to Legislature.

6. The said corporation shall be obliged to make an annual report to both branches of the Legislature, giving a general statement of its affairs; which said report shall be presented within the first twenty days of each session of the Provincial Legislature.

Deprivation of charter in certain events.

7. Should the said corporation take part in any strike or in any way whatever or encourage the same it shall forfeit all its rights under the present act.

C A P . L X X I I .

An Act to incorporate "*La Société St. Jean-Baptiste de Lachine.*"

[Assented to 24th July, 1880.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS an association, known by the name of: "*La Société St. Jean-Baptiste de Lachine,*" has been organized and now exists in the town of Lachine, with the object of assisting its sick or infirm members, and of paying certain indemnities to the widows and children of its deceased members; and, whereas Clément Deschamps, Jean-Baptiste Thessereau, Placide Robert, Jean-Baptiste Poitras, Pierre Gauthier, Napoléon Duquette, Michel Clagne, Dosithée Jolie, Hormisdas Deslauriers and Léon Forest, all of the town of Lachine, and members of the said association, have prayed, by their petition, that the said society 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 incorporated.

1. Clément Deschamps, Jean-Baptiste Thessereau, Placide Robert, Jean-Baptiste Poitras, Pierre Gauthier, Napoléon Duquette, Michel Clagne, Dosithée Jolie, Hormisdas Deslauriers, Léon Forest, and such other persons as are now members of the said association, or may herebecome members thereof, shall be, and are by the present act, constituted a body politic and corporate, under the name of: "*La Société St. Jean-Baptiste de Lachine,*" and, under such name, may exercise all and each of the general powers with which bodies politic are vested, subject always to the provisions of the present act, and may, in virtue of any lawful title, have and possess all movable

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and immoveable property, and may hypothecate, alienate, lease or otherwise dispose of the same, in whole or in part, from time to time, and as circumstances may require, and to acquire others in their stead ; provided always, that such immoveables do not exceed the annual value of five thousand dollars. Proviso.

2. All the moveables or immoveables of the said association, and all the rights and claims thereto belonging, shall become the property of the said corporation, and the members of the said corporation shall not be held personally responsible for its liabilities. Property of corporation. Members not personally held for its obligations.

3. The by-laws of the said association, or the amendments thereto, if they be not contrary to the present act and the laws of the province, shall be the by-laws of the said corporation, until their repeal or amendment in accordance with the act of incorporation, and such by-laws, or their amendments, made as aforesaid, shall not have force and effect until they shall have been approved by the Lieutenant Governor in council ; and the present officers of the said association shall be the officers of the said corporation, until others have been appointed, according to the said by-laws and to the law. Present by-laws continued. Present officers.

4. The majority of the members of the said corporation, present at any meeting held or convened under the by-laws of the corporation in force for the time being, shall have full power and authority to make all by-laws respecting the government of the corporation, the administration of its affairs, the admission of new members, the meetings of the association, to fix the method of election and determine the powers of the different officers, to determine the monthly, annual and other contributions which shall be paid by the members, and finally, all that relates to the government and management of the said corporation, and shall further have the power to impose, by such by-laws, a fine or penalty, of not less than five cents or more than four dollars, for every infringement thereof. Power to make by-laws;

5. All such by-laws, ordinances, rules and resolutions may be repealed, altered or amended by any subsequent by-laws, ordinances, rules or resolutions, provided that such alterations shall be proposed at a previous monthly meeting, and be adopted by a majority of the members present at the meeting where such rules shall be finally altered ; provided, moreover, that such alterations shall not come into force until they shall have been approved by the Lieutenant Governor in council. And to repeal and alter the same ;

To sue and be sued.

6. The said corporation may sue and be sued, before any court of justice, for the recovery of all sums of money which may hereafter be due by it, or which may be due to it, and any copy of any by-law, certified as a "true copy" by the recording secretary of the said corporation, shall be receive as *prima facie* evidence of the passing of such by-law and of the contents thereof, before any court of justice and in any civil suit or proceeding.

Annual report to the Legislature.

7. The said corporation shall be bound to make an annual report to the Lieutenant Governor and to the two branches of the Legislature, containing a general statement of the affairs of the corporation, which report shall be presented within the first twenty days of each session of the legislature.

Indemnity to members not liable to seizure.

8. No sum of money, granted by the said corporation, in virtue of its constitution, or of any by-law, for the purpose of aiding or assisting any member when sick or infirm, or the widow or minor children of less than fourteen years of age of any deceased member, shall be liable to seizure, before or after judgment; Provided always, that nothing contained in the present section, shall prejudice, in any manner whatsoever, the right of any creditor with regard to moneys due by the corporation to any member, by reason of a contract, or other undertaking entered into between the said corporation and such member.

Proviso.

Recovery of subscriptions.

9. All subscriptions, contributions, fines or penalties due, or to become due to the corporation under any by-law, may be recovered by suit, in the name of the corporation, before any court of competent jurisdiction.

Withdrawal of members.

10. Any member may withdraw from the said corporation, at any time, on payment of all amounts by him due to the corporation, inclusive of his subscription for the year then current.

Deprivation of claims in certain cases.

11. Any member who shall illegally take part in any quarrel, and who shall be wounded therein, shall be deprived of all claim to assistance.

Forfeiture of charter in certain cases.

12. Should the said corporation take part in any strike in any way whatever, or encourage the same, it shall forfeit all its rights under the present act.

Act in force.

13. The present act shall come into force on the day of its sanction.