

ration arising from any contract or agreement between such corporation and one of its members.

Return to the legislature.

6. The said corporation shall be bound to make annual returns to both Houses of the Legislature, showing the state of the affairs of the corporation generally, which returns shall be presented within the first twenty days of each session of the legislature.

Act in force.

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

CAP. LXXXVI.

An Act to authorize: "*L'Union Saint-Joseph de St. Joseph de Lévis*" to reduce and commute the amount of the relief which it pays.

[Assented to 24th July, 1880.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS there has existed, for several years, in the parish of St. Joseph de Lévis, an association for mutual benefit and assistance, duly incorporated under the name of: "*L'Union St. Joseph de St. Joseph de Lévis*"; whereas the amount of assistance given to sick members of the said association and to the widows of deceased members is so high, in proportion to the contributions which it receives from its members, that, since two years, its expenditure has always exceeded its receipts, and in consequence of this state of things, its reserve fund has been gradually decreased and will soon be exhausted; whereas several members, foreseeing that in the near future, the society will be unable to afford relief to such of its members as may be entitled thereto, and that, consequently, it will be useless for them to form part thereof, threaten to retire; whereas the receipts of the society and the state of its finances do not allow of its giving to each of the widows of its members who are entitled thereto, any greater relief than a sum of one hundred and fifty dollars in all; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows:

28 V., c. 65, amended.

1. The act, 28 Vict., chap. 65, incorporating the society of: "*L'Union St. Joseph de St. Joseph de Lévis*," is amended as follows:

Commutation of relief to widows, &c.

1. The said society of: "*L'Union St. Joseph de St. Joseph de Lévis*" is authorized to commute the relief which it now pays weekly to the widows of its deceased members into a single payment of one hundred and fifty dollars each.

2. Such alteration in the relief shall be effected by a resolution of the committee of management of the said society, adopted in the manner usually followed for the proceedings of the said committee, and notice thereof shall be given to each of such widows by a letter from the president or secretary of the said society. Mode of making such commutation.

3. After the sending of such letter, the society may tender to each widow, the aforesaid sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, to liquidate and discharge all claims against the society for her share, and if any one of such widows refuses to accept the said sum, the society may retain it on deposit in the name of such widow, and shall only be bound to pay her the legal rate of interest thereon, in lieu of the annual relief to which she would have been entitled if the present act had not been passed. Tender of amount to widows.

4. The said committee of management may, from time to time hereafter, increase or reduce, according to the state of the society's resources, and at its discretion, the relief which shall become payable either to sick members or to the widows of deceased members of the society. Relief may be increased or diminished.

5. If the state of the society's finances becomes such as to enable it to have a reserve fund of twenty thousand dollars, the widows, the amount of whose relief shall have been commuted for a fixed sum as aforesaid, may exact the payment, as relief, of a weekly sum of one dollar and fifty cents for the future, and the arrears due for the past, after deducting the aforesaid sum of one hundred and fifty dollars. Right of widows, if Society's finances increase to a certain amount.

6. The society may acquire by gratuitous title and hold immovable property to an amount not exceeding twenty thousand dollars. Power to acquire real estate.

7. 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. Rights forfeited in certain cases.

2. The present act shall come into force on the day of its sanction. Act in force.

C A P. L X X X V I I .

An act to amend the act of the Legislature of Quebec, (31 Vict., chap. 51,) which amends the Act incorporating the " St. Joseph's Union of St. Jean d'Iberville."

[Assented to 24th July, 1880.]

WHEREAS the members of the " St. Joseph's Union of St. Jean d'Iberville " have, by their petition, prayed that the act 31 Victoria, chapter 51, be so Preamble.