

C A P . L V I I .

An Act to incorporate the National Institute of Fine Arts, Sciences, Arts, Trades and Industries.

[Assented to 23rd February, 1875.]

WHEREAS there has existed for more than five years in ^{Preamble.} the city of Montreal, a school known as The National Institute of Fine Arts, Sciences, Arts, Trades and Industries, the object whereof is artistic and industrial instruction, an institution so necessary to the Canadian population, endowed with a remarkable aptitude for the arts in general; and whereas this school has till this time been exclusively supported by certain particular rate-payers, specially by devotion of its founder the Abbé Chabert; Côme Séraphin Cherrier, Louis Amable Jetté, Charles A. Leblanc, Victor Hudon, Amable Jodoin, junior, John Pratt, Alexis Dubord, John A. Leclerc, Louis Onézime Loranger, and Laurent Olivier David, all of the city of Montreal, desire to associate themselves in this undertaking, and to procure the means of the continuance and progress, which they cannot secure while it remains an individual enterprise, and have, by petition, prayed to be incorporated under the name of "The National Institute of Fine Arts, Sciences, Arts, Trades and Industries;" and whereas it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows:

1. The said Côme Séraphin Cherrier, Louis Amable ^{Certain persons incorporated.} Jetté, Charles A. Leblanc, Victor Hudon, Amable Jodoin, junior, John Pratt, Alexis Dubord, John A. Leclerc, Louis Onézime Loranger, Laurent Olivier David, and all others who are or may become members, of the said corporation created by this act, shall be and are hereby incorporated with all the rights to corporations belonging, under the name of "The National Institute of Fine Arts, Sciences, ^{Name of the corp.} Arts, Trades and Industries," and as such may acquire, hold and enjoy any personal or real estate, useful or necessary for the requirements of the said corporation, or ^{Its general powers.} others, to maintain a school, whose object shall be artistic and industrial instruction, in any part of the province of Quebec; provided that the annual value of such real estate ^{Provide:} do not exceed the sum of forty thousand dollars, and may lease, sell, hypothecate or alienate the same at any time, and acquire other instead thereof, as occasion may require.

2. The affairs of the said corporation shall be managed ^{Officers.} by such officers as shall be elected under by-laws made in

that behalf, and under such restrictions, touching the powers and duties of such officers as may be provided by the said by-laws, and the corporation may assign to any such officers such remuneration as they may deem necessary.

Power to pass by-laws.

3. The corporation may make such by-laws, not contrary to law, as they shall deem expedient for the administration and government of the corporation, and may repeal or amend the same, from time to time, observing always, however, such formalities as by such by-laws may be prescribed to that end, and generally shall have all the corporate powers necessary to the ends of this act.

By-laws of the association to be those of the corp.

4. The by-laws made or to be made by the said association, not being contrary to law, shall be the by-laws of the said corporation.

First officers.

5. The persons hereinabove named shall be the first officers of the said association, and shall remain in office until the second Wednesday of October next, and then shall be held a meeting of the members of the said association, who shall elect other or the same directors, and so on every year.

Members.

6. The persons not yet being, but desirous of becoming members of the said association, may do so by observing the rules of the said association.

Certain agreements made by officers shall be binding on corp.

7. All certificates of admission, diplomas, bargains and agreements made and signed by the president and secretary-treasurer of the said corporation, thereto duly authorized at a meeting of the directors of the said association, shall be binding on the said association, and the said signatures of the president and secretary-treasurer of the said corporation, shall be *prima facie* evidence that such certificates of admission, diplomas, bargains and agreements have been duly authorized by the said board of directors.

Subscriptions, &c., recoverable in justice. Resignation of members.

8. All subscriptions, penalties, amounts of purchase or sale, due to or by the said corporation, may be recovered by suit; but any member may withdraw from the said association, at any time, on payment of all amounts by him due to the corporation, either as contributions or otherwise, and any sum by him thus paid shall remain the property of the said corporation, and he shall be entitled to claim nothing of the same.

Annual reports to legislature.

9. The said corporation shall be bound to make an annual report to the lieutenant-governor, and to the two houses of the legislature, containing a general statement of its affairs, which said report shall be presented within the first twenty days of each session of the legislature.