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An Act to incorporate the St. Ann Mutual Life Assurance Society, of *St. Joseph de Lévis*.

[Assented to 28th January, 1874.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS the president, and a certain number of the members of the St. Ann Mutual Life Assurance Society, of *St. Joseph de Lévis*, have represented, by their petition to the legislature, that this association was formed for the purpose of securing to the heirs and legal representatives of all persons forming part of the said association, or who may hereafter form part thereof, pecuniary relief to be paid by the contribution of each member upon the death of one of the said members; and whereas the members of the said association have prayed by their petition to be incorporated; and it is expedient to grant their prayer in that behalf; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows:

Corporation.

1. François Edouard Verrault, Isidore Bégin, Edouard Samson, Charles Bourget, Pierre Bourget, Guillaume Charland, François-Xavier Couillard, Antoine Marsan, Esquires; and Messrs Joseph Samson, Jean-Bte. Samson, Jean Robitaille, Jean Ruel, Thomas Bégin, Ernest Samson, Amable Samson, Tancrede Bourget, Calixte Angers, Jean-Bte. Oceau, François Bourassa, André Bourget, Hubert Bourassa, Damas Bourget, David Nolin, André Labreque, Théodore Bégin, Théophile Robitaille, Cyrille Samson, Pierre Samson, Edouard Meany, Victor Demers, Alexandre Barras, and such other persons as are now members of the said association, or who may hereafter become members, pursuant to the provisions of the present act, and the by-laws made thereunder shall be, and are by the present act constituted a body politic and corporate under the name of "The St. Ann Mutual Life Assurance Society, of *St. Joseph de Lévis*," and under such name may exercise all and every the general powers with which bodies politic and corporate are invested, provided the same are in conformity to the provisions of the present act; and may under any legal title acquire, have, and possess any property movable and immovable, and may hypothecate, alienate, let, lease, or otherwise dispose of the same, in whole or in part, from time to time, as occasion may demand, and may acquire others in their stead, provided the annual value of such immovables shall not exceed four thousand dollars, over and above the wants of the said corporation

General powers.

Limitations.

2. All the affairs of the said society shall be conducted and administered by a committee of management selected from the fifty foundation members, or those who may be appointed to replace any one of them as hereinafter provided; the said committee shall be composed of fifteen members, seven of whom shall form a quorum, and the term of office of such committee shall be for one year, five of the members forming the said committee shall retire from office after ballot taken at a preceding meeting, and shall be replaced by five others elected at a general meeting of the said foundation members, convened by notice served upon such foundation members, or by public notice at the church door of the said parish of *St. Joseph de Lévis*, and so on for each successive year; the first of such meetings shall be held on the first Wednesday in the month of March next, and the following annual meetings shall be held on a day fixed by the said committee.

Committee of management.

Meetings of foundation members.

3. All the estate, movables and immovables, of the said association, and all the rights and claims of the same shall become the property of the said corporation, and the members of the said corporation shall not be personally liable for its obligations.

Estate of the association.

4. The by-laws of the said association, not contrary to the present act and the laws of this province, shall be the by-laws of the said corporation until the same are repealed or amended in conformity to the said act of incorporation; and the present officers shall be the officers of the said corporation until others shall have been elected in conformity to the by-laws and the law, such officers shall be chosen from the first fifty foundation members of the said society, and elected by them by open vote, and whenever a vacancy occurs amongst the said foundation members of the society, caused by death or permanent absence from this province, such vacancy shall be filled by the managing directors, on condition however that the same be approved by the annual meeting next ensuing of the other foundation members then present.

By-laws.

Officers.

Vacancy.

5. The majority of the foundation members and executive officers of the said corporation present at any meeting held and convened in conformity to the by-laws of the corporation then in force, shall have full power and authority to make all by-laws for the government of the said corporation, the administration of its affairs, the admission of new members, the time of meetings of the directors and officers of the said society, fixing the annual or monthly or other contributions to be paid by the members, whether to meet the expenses of administration or the aid to be paid to the heirs of a deceased member, the election or appointment of officers, and to define their powers, and for the government and

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good behaviour of the administrators and officers and members of the said society, and they shall have the further power to impose, by such by-laws, a fine or penalty not exceeding two dollars for any infraction of the said by-laws.

Other powers. **6.** The society shall also have full power to fix the conditions upon which any person shall continue to be a member thereof, and further to fix the time within which the aid payable by each member upon the death of one of them, shall be remitted to the secretary-treasurer or other person authorized to receive such contribution; and generally to make and pass all by-laws which may appear to them necessary, to efficiently secure to the said corporation by all legal means the object for which the said association was founded.

Other powers. **7.** Every such by-law may be repealed, altered, or amended, by any subsequent by-law, provided that such alterations have been proposed at the preceding monthly meeting, and adopted by a majority of two-thirds of the foundation members or their successors then present.

Exemption of seizure. **8.** No sum of money to which any of the heirs or legal representatives of a deceased member, is entitled, under this act and the by-laws of this society, shall be liable to seizure either before or after judgment; provided always, that nothing in this section shall prejudice, in any manner whatsoever, the rights of any creditor to any sum of money due by the corporation to any one of its members in consequence of any contract or undertaking perfected between the said corporation and such member.

Prosecutions. **9.** All subscriptions and penalties due, or to become due, to the said corporation, may be recovered by suit at law instituted, in the name of such corporation, but a member may withdraw from the association at any time after the payment of all money due by him to the said corporation.

Transfer of rights **10.** Any member of the said association may transfer his titles to any aid which may be coming to his heirs at his decease; provided that such transfer be entered in the books of the society.

Place of business. **11.** The office of the said society shall be in the village of Lauzon, where all its business shall be transacted and elections held.