

25. The company shall have power to acquire and hold such real estate as it may require for the purposes of its business, within the province of Quebec or elsewhere, not exceeding annual value five thousand dollars ; and to sell and dispose of the same, and acquire other property in its place, as may be deemed expedient, and to take, hold, and acquire all such lands and tenements, real or immoveable estate, as shall have been *bonâ fide* mortgaged to it by way of security, or conveyed to it in satisfaction of debts previously contracted, in the course of its dealings, or otherwise obtained. Power to acquire land, &c.

CAP. LXXII.

An Act to incorporate the St. Bridget's Total Abstinence and Benefit Society.

[Assented to 24th December, 1872.]

WHEREAS an association under the name of "The St. Bridget's Total Abstinence and Benefit Society," has existed for several years in the city of Montreal, having for its object the promotion of temperance and the assistance of the families of such of its members who depart this life ; and whereas the members of the said association have prayed to be incorporated, and it is expedient to grant their petition : Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows : Preamble.

1. The Reverend Augustin-Campion, Patrick Jordan, F. C. Lawlor, M. Dunn, John Hoolahen, W. C. Dillon, Michael Murphy, Thomas O'Neil, Bernard Murray, Thomas Borrowes, T. J. Donovan, Patrick Kelly, John Conway, John Lunny, James Mullally, James O'Neil, John Mayr, together with such other persons as now are members of said association or may hereafter become members thereof by virtue of this act, shall be and they are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate in fact and in name, under the name of "The St. Bridget's Total Abstinence and Benefit Society," and by that name shall have power from time to time, hereafter, to purchase, acquire, possess, hold, accept and receive for themselves and their successors, lands, tenements and hereditaments, provided that their value does not exceed a sum of three thousand dollars ; and shall have power to exchange, sell and alienate the said lands, tenements and hereditaments, and to acquire others in their place for the same object ; and shall have power, moreover, Certain persons incorporated. General corporate powers.

under this name, to acquire and hold movable property and moneys to an amount not exceeding a sum of three thousand dollars.

Rules of society to be those of association until changed.

2. The rules, statutes and regulations of the said society, which have been in force up to this date, shall hereafter be the rules, statutes and regulations of the said association, and shall hereafter be in full force so long as the same are not repealed in whole or in part by the said society ; and the said association shall have power, hereafter, to enact such rules, statutes and regulations which it may deem necessary to give effect to its constitution, provided always that the same shall not be contrary to the laws in force in this province.

Officers.

3. The officers of the association shall be a president and director, a first vice-president, a second vice-president, a secretary, an assistant-secretary, and a grand marshal, who shall be elected by the members of the association in conformity with its rules, statutes and regulations, and the officers who will be in office when this act shall come into operation, shall continue to act as such until such time as others shall have been appointed in their place, or until they have been re-elected in conformity with the rules, statutes and regulations of said association.

Present officers to continue until others are named.

Reports to legislature.

4. The said corporation shall be bound, within the first twenty days of every session of the legislature, to make annual reports to both branches of the legislature, containing a general statement of its affairs.

CAP. LXXIII.

Act to incorporate "The Orphan Asylum of Sorel."

[Assented to 24th December, 1872.]

Preamble.

CONSIDERING that certain members of the clergy, charitable ladies and others, inhabitants of the parish of St. Pierre de Sorel, have prayed for the incorporation of an institution which has been existing for several years, in the town of Sorel, providing for the lodgment and care of the destitute orphans, in the said parish of St. Pierre de Sorel, and the district of Richelieu, and known under the name of "The Orphan Asylum of Sorel," and considering, that it is expedient to grant the said prayer; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows:

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