

exceeding the annual value of ten thousand dollars, as aforesaid, it shall be bound to sell such surplus property within five years from the acquisition of the same, and to invest the proceeds of such sale in mortgages or in other valid securities.

Power to make
by-laws for
certain
purposes.

3. The said corporation shall have full power and authority to make, establish and sanction, all rules, regulations and by-laws, not contrary to this act or to the laws in force in this province, but which it may judge necessary and advantageous for its proper administration, either for the admission, the resignation, changing and residence of its members, or for the acquisition, possession, administration and alienation of its movable and immovable property, or for the appointment, removal from office and changing of its superiors, administrators, directors and other officers, to whom it may confide or restrict its authority and powers, to govern in its name, and to manage its affairs or its responsibility. It shall also have full power and authority to amend, correct and repeal, in whole or in part, the same rules, regulations and by-laws, and to substitute others in lieu thereof.

4. The said corporation shall be bound to make a statement of its affairs to the legislature, when required by the lieutenant-governor in council.

C A P. X L V I I.

An Act to incorporate "*L'Œuvre du Patronage de Québec.*"

[Assented to 23rd December, 1871.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS Charles Narcisse Hamel, Jean Baptiste Cloutier and the Very Reverend Thomas Etienne Hamel, all of the city of Quebec, have, by petition, represented, that for ten years past, they and others have composed and maintained, by voluntary contributions, in the city of Quebec, a certain charitable association, known as "*L'Œuvre du Patronage de Québec,*" established for the purpose of educating and settling in life children and young people of the poorer class, and that for the better attainment of the objects of the said association they are desirous that the same be vested with corporate powers; 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. Charles Narcisse Hamel, Jean Baptiste Cloutier and the Very Reverend Thomas Etienne Hamel, and such other persons as are now or who may hereafter become members thereof in virtue of this act, shall be, and they are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, under the name of "*L'Œuvre du Patronage de Québec*," for the purposes aforesaid, and by that name shall have power, at all times, and at any time hereafter, to accept contributions, gifts, donations in money or property, by will or otherwise, to purchase, acquire, possess, hold, exchange, accept and receive, for themselves and their successors, property movable and immovable, including the immovable they already possess under the name of "*Le Seminaire des missions étrangères de Québec*," and the said property to hypothecate, sell, alienate and dispose of, and to acquire other instead thereof, for the same purposes; provided always, that such real estate shall not exceed the annual value of ten thousand dollars over and above the real estate occupied for the purposes of the said corporation; provided also, that if the said corporation shall become possessed of real estate exceeding the annual value of ten thousand dollars, as aforesaid, it shall be bound to sell such surplus property within five years from the acquisition of the same, and invest the proceeds thereof in public securities of the dominion, stocks of chartered banks, mortgages, or other approved securities, for the use of the said corporation.

Certain persons incorporated.

Name and corporate powers.

Power to acquire and dispose of property.

Proviso.

2. The said corporation shall possess a common seal, which may be altered, changed and renewed from time to time by the board of directors, and shall also sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in all actions in which the said association is a party in all courts of justice in this province.

Common seal, &c.

3. The entire management and control of the association shall reside in the board of directors, which shall consist of a president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer, chaplain, His Grace the Catholic Archbishop of Quebec, or the person administering in his place, and of such other persons as may, from time to time, be thereunto appointed, by the board of directors, and the quorum of the said board shall be three.

Board of directors.

4. The board of directors shall have full power and authority to make and establish such rules, regulations and by-laws not inconsistent with this act or with the laws in force in this province, as they may deem expedient and necessary for the interest and administration of the affairs of the said corporation, and for the admission of members thereof, and the same to amend and repeal, from time to time, in whole or in part, and also such regulations

Powers of the board of directors.

and by-laws as may be in force at the time of the passing of this act, but the by-laws and regulations to be hereafter made shall have no force or authority unless the same shall have been approved by His Grace the Catholic Archbishop of Quebec or the person administering in his place.

Property of the association to pass to the corporation.

5. The real and personal estate at present the property of the said association, shall be, and the same is hereby transferred to the said corporation, and the said corporation shall be charged with all the liabilities and obligations of the said association, and the members of the same shall not be personally responsible for the obligations thereof.

Present officers to continue as such.

6. The present officers of the *Œuvre* namely, Charles Narcisse Hamel, president, Jean Baptiste Cloutier, vice-president, Charles Perreault Lindsay, secretary, Simon Roy, treasurer, and the Very Reverend Thomas Etienne Hamel, chaplain, shall be the officers of the said corporation, until they shall have been replaced in the manner hereinafter provided by this act.

How vacancies in board shall be filled.

7. In case of a vacancy among the members of the said board, through absence from the province, death, resignation or otherwise, such vacancy shall be filled by the other members of the said board, within the six months next after it has occurred; and whenever any such change shall take place among the officers of the said board of directors, it shall be the duty of the said board, within fifteen days from the date of such appointment, to lodge in the office of the superior court for Lower Canada, in the district of Quebec, a declaration under the signature of the president or vice-president thereof, establishing the name of any person, who shall have been so selected an officer of the said board, as also the name of the person who has ceased to be an officer of the said corporation.

Disposal of property in the event of dissolution.

8. In the event of the dissolution of the said corporation, the properties thereof, after the payment of the debts, shall belong to the Roman catholic archiepiscopal corporation of Quebec.

Annual returns to the legislature.

9. The said corporation shall make annual reports to the lieutenant-governor and to both houses of the legislature, containing a general statement of the affairs of the association, which said reports shall be presented within the first twenty days of every session of the legislature.