

4. All surplus shall be employed to create or increase the permanent fund of the society. Employment of surplus funds.
5. The office bearers of the society, in council assembled, shall appoint, during the months of January and July, in each year, three arbitrators. These arbitrators shall determine from the receipts and disbursements the amount which shall be granted during the current half year for assisting the widows, orphans and sick members respectively, who, at or after the passing of the present act, will have a right to such assistance. The allowance shall, in no case, exceed the amount fixed by the present regulations of the society : and to effect this purpose the said arbitrators shall have a right to examine the registers and accounts of the said society and the decision of the said arbitrators or the majority of them shall be final. Arbitrators to be appointed. Their duties.

CAP. LV.

An Act to extend the incorporation of "The Quebec Friendly Society," and to amend and consolidate the various acts respecting the said Society.

[Assented to 24th December, 1870.]

WHEREAS the president and other officers of the "Quebec Friendly Society," acting for and in the name of the said society, have, by their petition, represented that the incorporation of the said society is limited and terminates on the first day of June next, eighteen hundred and seventy-one; and have prayed that the acts tenth and eleventh George Fourth, chapter forty-nine, twelfth Victoria, chapter one hundred and fifty-one, sixteenth Victoria, chapter sixty-four, and eighteenth Victoria, chapter sixty-three, respecting the said society, be amended and consolidated into one single act, regulating and indefinitely continuing the incorporation thereof; and whereas it is advisable to accede to their prayer; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows : Preamble.

1. The Quebec Friendly Society now in existence under the acts hereinbefore cited, and founded with the objects of collecting moneys to relieve the members thereof in the event of sickness, old age or infirmity, preventing them from pursuing their occupations or exercising their trades or professions, and to assist the widows and children of deceased members, shall continue to exist under the name aforesaid, invested with all the general powers of bodies politic and corporate, regard being always had to the provisions of this act. Present society incorporated.

Power to
acquire pro-
perty.

2. The said society shall preserve all the property and all the rights and privileges which it has and shall have at the time when this act comes into force against every person and corporation whatsoever, and may hold, acquire, sell, hypothecate, and possess, movable and immovable property, provided that the annual value of the said immovable property does not exceed the sum of four thousand dollars.

Proviso.

Power to make
by-laws for
certain pur-
poses.

3. The majority of the members of the said corporation present at any meeting held or convened in accordance with the by-laws in force for the time being, shall have full power and authority to establish such rules or regulations as they may deem expedient, for the administration of the affairs thereof, the admission of new members, the imposing of subscriptions, fixing the meetings of the society, the election of its officers, for the government of the said officers, and of the said society, to define their powers, to regulate the amount of aid to be accorded, and generally to make all the regulations necessary to attain the ends of the said society.

Existing by-
laws continued.

4. The existing by-laws of the said society, as sanctioned by the superior court for the district of Quebec, shall remain in force until they shall have been respectively repealed or altered, and this the said society shall have the right to do by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at the meeting at which such alterations shall be submitted; provided that such alteration or repeal shall have been proposed by motion, of which the secretary shall have, at least one month before hand, given notice in writing to each of the members of the said society, and that subsequently to their having been so adopted, they be approved by one of the judges of the superior court of the district, or by the prothonotary thereof, as being consistent with this act.

How they may
be altered.

Committee of
management.

5. The transaction of affairs shall be entrusted to a committee of management, composed of nine members and of the officers chosen by the society, in conformity with the rules to be made or amended in manner aforesaid, subject to the control of the society, to whom the said committee shall make a report at the monthly meetings of the said society.

Officers.

6. The society shall have for officers, a president, a vice-president, a secretary and a treasurer, and it may appoint such persons as it may deem necessary to assist its officers in the execution of their duties; and the president and the treasurer shall represent the said society in relation to the acceptance of deeds, significations, suits and other purposes of this act, and the said president shall have a casting vote.

Power to exact
security from
and to control
certain officers.

7. The society may, at any time, exact from the officer or officers appointed to receive its moneys, the keepers of any book, paper or asset whatsoever belonging thereto, security

either personal or hypothecary, to insure the faithful discharge by such persons of their duties, the rendering of accounts thereby, and the restoration of all such books, papers or assets as aforesaid, and it may for just cause suspend such officer, replace him at will, and summon him before any competent court, and with the right of coercive imprisonment against him, to compel him to restore, to the said society, all books, papers, moneys and assets, which he may have in his possession belonging to the said society, and such right may be also enforced against the heirs or representatives of such officers or other persons in possession of such property of the said society, and refusing to restore the same to any person duly authorized by the said society or by the committee of management thereof.

8. The society may invest the moneys collected for the purposes of this act in hypothecs, in bank stock or in bank deposits, and in every building society and incorporated company in this province. Investment of moneys.

9. All the rights, indemnities, grants and advantages of members or of their heirs, in the said society, shall not be liable to seizure in the hands of the said society, and shall be payable to the widows and children of such members : Indemnities exempt from seizure.
members may dispose thereof otherwise, by will only.

10. Notwithstanding the destination or disposal of the rights of any member in the said society, the society shall always be entitled to compensate, against the allowances or moneys payable at the time of his death, all sums or obligation which may be then due by such member to the said society, any previous discharge under the insolvent act or otherwise to the contrary notwithstanding. Right to set off sums due against allowances.

11. The object of the society being solely to indemnify for loss of time by disease or infirmity, the certificate of the physicians or other persons recognized by the by-laws of the society, shall establish that the physician or such other persons have seen and visited the member, that he has been afflicted with a certain malady or infirmity, and that he has really been prevented from pursuing his occupations or exercising his trade for a certain period of time ; and the following form shall, until another is substituted therefor, form part of the by-laws of the society. What certificates of physicians shall certify.

"I certify that I have seen and visited (*name, surname and profession of the member*), that he has been affected with (*the malady or infirmity*) from the to the and that during all such time he has been actually prevented from pursuing his occupations and exercising his trade (*or profession*)."

12. It shall not be lawful for the said society to become dissolved in order that a division of the property thereof may be made, without the consent and approval of four fifths of all the members of the said society, nor until six How society may be dissolved.

months' notice of the motion proposing such dissolution has been given by the secretary to all the members of the said society then in this province, and with the approbation of the lieutenant-governor in council.

This act to be the act of incorporation. 10, 11 Geo. IV, c. 49; 12 V., c. 151, 16 V., c. 64 and 18 V. c. 63 repealed, saving, &c.

13. The foregoing act shall be the act of incorporation of the said Quebec Friendly Society, all the other acts being by this act repealed, save and except for the property, rights and privileges reserved by the second section of this act.

CAP. LVI.

An Act to incorporate the Protestant Infants' Home of Montreal.

[Assented to 24th December, 1870.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS the persons hereinafter mentioned have, by petition, represented that they and others, for some years past, have maintained by voluntary contributions, a certain institution in the city of Montreal, known as "The Protestant Infants' Home," for the purpose of furnishing a home for children who may be deprived of their natural protectors, either by death, abandonment, or otherwise, and for the purpose of protecting such children from the effects of want and exposure to crime, and have prayed that for the better attainment of the objects of the said institution, the same may be vested with corporate powers; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows:

Certain bodies incorporated.

1 Mesdames Anna E. Workman, Maria Louisa Henshaw, Elizabeth Scott, Louisa B. Ferrier, Mary A. Godfrey, Annie Muir, A. L. Shaw, and L. M. Baylis, and such other persons as now are or may hereafter be associated with them in conformity with this act, and their successors are hereby constituted and created a body corporate and politic, with all the rights incident to corporations by the name of "The Protestant Infants' Home of Montreal."

General corporate powers.

2. The said corporation shall have perpetual succession, and may have a common seal, with power to change, alter, break, and renew the same, when and as often as they shall think proper, and may, under the said name, contract and be contracted with, sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, prosecute and be prosecuted, in all courts and places whatsoever in this province, and by the same name, they and their successors, from time to time, and at all times hereafter, shall be able and capable to have, take, receive, purchase and acquire, hold, possess, enjoy and maintain to and for the use of the said corporation, all lands

Power to acquire property.