

and the said payments, together with the said interest and profits, shall form a sinking fund for the benefit of the said trustees and the extinguishment of their debt.

5. The said loan shall be for such period of time as may be required to permit the said sinking fund, by means of the said payments and investments, to reach the sum of fifteen thousand dollars ; which sum shall thereupon belong to the province and form part of the consolidated revenue fund, and the debt of the trustees shall thereupon be discharged.

Period for which the loan is made.

6. The claim of the province for the said loan or for any portion thereof, shall be a first charge and privilege upon the portion of the revenues received at the toll-gate at the said bridge which is derived from the bridge only, and shall be paid before and in preference to all other claims, whatever may be the nature or date thereof, and may be exercised, whenever it need be, by the treasurer in his official name.

Privilege of claim for repayment of sum lent.

CAP. XLIX.

An Act to incorporate the St. Andrew's Society of Quebec.

[Assented to 1st February, 1870.]

WHEREAS the president and members of the association, which hath for many years existed at Quebec, under the name of the St. Andrew's Society of Quebec, have, by their petition to the Legislature, represented that the said association has been formed for the benevolent purpose of affording pecuniary, medical and other relief, to such natives of Scotland and their descendants, as may from sickness or other causes have fallen into distress, and of aiding, directing and relieving the necessities of Scottish immigrants on their arrival in Canada, and hath prayed that for the better attainment of the objects of the said association, it may be invested with corporate powers; and by reason of the good effected by the said association, 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 :

Preamble.

1. Messrs. John Cook Thomson, Duncan McPherson, John Laird, Peter McNaughton, Archibald Nicoll, A. Robertson, jr., John Wilson Cook, John Fraser, Charles Wilkie, Thomas G. Hunter, John Cook, D.D., W. B. Clark, William Brodie, W. D. Campbell, James Dean, John Gil-mour, James Gibb, William Hossack, Geo. Irvine, L. T. McPherson, John McNaughton, Daniel McGie, Pemberton

Certain persons incorporated.

Paterson, James G. Ross, John Ross, McLean Stuart, Robert Shaw, Robert Cassels, Andrew Stuart, Henry S. Scott, Michael Stevenson, John Thomson, Daniel Wilkie, William Walker, D. A. Ross, and such other persons as are now members of the said association, or shall hereafter become members thereof, under the provisions of this act and the by-laws made under the authority thereof, shall be, and they are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name of the "St. Andrew's Society of Quebec," and may by that name sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, defend and be defended, in all courts of law, and places whatsoever, and by that name they and their successors shall have perpetual succession and may have a common seal, and may break, change, alter or renew the same at pleasure, and may by any legal title acquire, hold and enjoy any estate whatever, real or personal, stocks, debentures or securities, and may alienate, lease or otherwise dispose of the same, or any part thereof, from time to time, and as occasion may require, and other estate real or personal may acquire instead thereof; and all property real or personal now belonging to the association aforesaid, or held in trust for the said association, or for the use thereof, shall, after the passing of this act, become the property of the corporation hereby constituted; provided always, that the clear annual value of the said real estate held by the corporation at any one time shall not exceed four thousand dollars.

Corporate powers.

Management of the business.

2. The affairs and business of the said corporation shall be managed by such officers and committees, and under such restrictions, touching the powers and duties of such officers and committees as by by-laws in that behalf, the corporation may, from time to time, ordain.

What deeds shall be deeds of the corporation.

3. All deeds sealed with the common seal of the corporation and signed by the president, vice-presidents and by some other member of the committee of management, and countersigned by the treasurer, and none other, shall be held to be deeds of the corporation; provided always, that the treasurer for the time being may receive all moneys payable to the corporation, and grant valid receipts therefor.

Powers to make by-laws.

4. It shall be lawful for the said corporation to make by-laws for the admission and expulsion of members, and for the proper administration of the property and affairs of the corporation, and to repeal and amend the same from time to time, and such by-laws and amendments shall be proposed and seconded at a previous meeting. No number of members less than twenty-one members of the corporation (including the presiding officer) shall form a meeting for the purpose of altering such by-laws, nor

shall any alteration be made therein, unless three-fourths of the members present agree to it.

5. The annual and general meetings of the said corporation shall be held in such manner, after such notice, upon such requisitions, and at such times, in the city of Quebec, as shall be directed by the by-laws of the corporation. Meetings of the corporation.

6. The by-laws of the said association, in so far as they may not be repugnant to this act or the laws of this province, shall be the by-laws of the corporation hereby constituted until they shall be repealed or altered as foresaid; provided always that no by-law shall impose a penalty or forfeiture exceeding two dollars. By-laws of association to continue until repealed.

7. Until others shall be elected, according to the by-laws of the corporation, the present officers of the association shall be those of the said corporation. Present officers to continue until replaced.

8. No person, otherwise competent to be a witness in any suit, action or prosecution, in which the said corporation may be engaged, shall be deemed incompetent to be such witness by reason of his being, or having been a member or officer of the said corporation. Who may be witnesses.

9. All subscriptions of members due to the corporation under any by-law, all penalties incurred under any by-law by any person bound thereby, and all other sums of money due to the corporation, shall be paid to the treasurer thereof, and in default of payment, may be recovered in an action brought by him in the name of the corporation in any court of competent civil jurisdiction; provided always, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent any member from withdrawing at any time from the said corporation, after payment of all arrears due to the funds thereof, including the annual subscription for the year then current, and giving notice in writing of such withdrawal. Recovery of subscriptions, &c.

10. The corporation shall make annual reports to both houses of the legislature containing a general statement of the affairs of the said corporation, which said reports shall be presented within the first twenty days of every session of the legislature. Annual return to legislature.

11. This act shall be deemed a public act, and as such shall be judicially noticed by all judges and others whomsoever, without being specially pleaded.