

CAP. LIV.

An Act to incorporate the society called "The Irish Catholic Benefit Society of Montreal."

[Assented to 1st February, 1870.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS there exists in the city of Montreal an association known under the name of "The Irish Catholic Benefit Society of Montreal," which has for its object the aiding and assisting of its members in case of sickness, and of assuring similar relief and other advantages to the widows and children and widowed mothers of deceased members of the said association; and whereas the members of the said association have, by their petition, asked that they be incorporated; and whereas it is just to grant their demand; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows:

Association incorporated.

1. Joseph D. Kennedy, Alexander Woods, Patrick Doran, James Maher, Thomas Jones, Thomas Buchanan, James McKillop, Patrick Jones, John Lawlor, Robert Callaghan and Miles Murphy, together with such other persons as now are members of the said institution, 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 "The Irish Catholic Benefit Society of Montreal," for purposes aforesaid, and by that name shall have power at all times, and at any time hereafter, to purchase, acquire, possess, hold, exchange, accept and receive for themselves and their successors, all lands, tenements and hereditaments, and all real and immovable estate, being and situate in the province of Quebec, necessary for the actual use and occupation of the said corporation not exceeding in annual value the sum of five thousand dollars, and the said property to hypothecate, sell, alienate and dispose of and to acquire other instead thereof for the same purposes; and any majority whatsoever of the said corporation for the time being shall have full power and authority to make and establish such rules, regulations and by-laws, in no respect inconsistent with this act or with the laws then 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.

Name.

Powers.

How the funds of the cor-

2. The rents, revenues and profits of the said corporation shall be appropriated and employed exclusively for

the use of members of the said corporation, for the erection and repair of the buildings necessary for the purposes of the said corporation, and for the payment of expenses legitimately incurred in the carrying out of any of the objects above referred to.

corporation shall be employed.

3. The affairs and business of the said corporation shall be managed by a committee of management composed of the officers of the said corporation, consisting of a Roman Catholic clergyman as director, a president, a first and second vice-president, a secretary, an assistant-secretary, a treasurer, a collecting-treasurer, an assistant-collecting-treasurer, a grand marshal and two assistants.

Management of the affairs of the corporation.

4. All the real and personal estate at present the property of the said association, or which may hereafter be acquired by the members thereof in their capacity as such, by purchase, donation or otherwise, and all debts, claims and rights, which they may be possessed of in such capacity shall be and they are 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 rules, regulations and by-laws, now or hereafter to be established for the management of the said association, shall be and continue to be the rules, regulations and by-laws of the said corporation, until altered or repealed in the manner prescribed by this act.

Property of the said corporation.

5. No person otherwise competent to be a witness in any suit or prosecution in which the 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 corporation.

Members may be witnesses.

6. All subscriptions and all penalties due to the corporation under any by-law, or 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 by suit in the name of the corporation; but any member may withdraw therefrom at any time, on payment of all amounts by him due to the corporation, and having given written notice of his intention to withdraw from the corporation to the secretary.

Recovery of penalties and subscriptions.

7. The corporation shall be bound to make annual reports to 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.

Report to the legislature.