

3. The affairs and business of the corporation shall be managed by such officers and committees, and under such restrictions, touching the powers and duties of such officers and committees, as the by-laws, in that behalf, of the corporation may, from time to time, ordain, and the corporation may assign to any of such officers such remuneration as they deem requisite. Management of the affairs of the corporation.

4. The corporation may make such by-laws not contrary to law, for the administration and government of the corporation, and may repeal or amend the same, from time to time, observing always, however, such formalities as by such by-laws may be prescribed to that end, and generally shall have all the corporate powers necessary to the ends of this act. Power to make by-laws.

5. The by-laws of the said association, not being contrary to law, shall be the by-laws of the corporation hereby constituted, until they shall be repealed or altered as aforesaid. Existing by-laws.

6. Until others shall be elected according to the by-laws of the corporation, the present officers of the association shall be those of the corporation. Present officers.

7. All subscriptions and all penalties due to the corporation under any by-law, 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, inclusive of his subscription for the year then current. Recovery of penalties and subscriptions.

8. 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.

9. The corporation shall be bound to make annual reports to the lieutenant-governor and 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. Report to the legislature.

## C A P . L V I .

An Act to amend the Act of the late Province of Canada, passed in the twenty-fifth year of Her Majesty's reign, intituled: "An Act to incorporate the Society of the Union St. Pierre of Montreal."

[Assented to 1st February, 1870.]

WHEREAS the society of the Union St. Pierre of Montreal, incorporated by an act passed in the twenty- Preamble.

fifth year of Her Majesty's reign, with a view of aiding and assisting its members in case of sickness, and of assuring similar relief and other advantages to the widows and children of deceased members, has, by petition, prayed for certain amendments to the act incorporating the same ; 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 :

Establishment  
of a reserve  
fund.

**1.** It shall be lawful for the said society of the Union St. Pierre of Montreal, in virtue of a by-law passed at a meeting of members of the said society, held after notice and according to the formalities required by the constitution and by-laws of the same, to establish a reserve fund the amount of which shall not be less than four thousand dollars, and to appropriate the whole or part of the funds of the said society, after payment of all charges and obligations of the said society, to the establishment of such fund, and to regulate the manner of levying from and out of the stock in fund and revenues of the said society, the necessary amounts for the completion of such reserve fund, as well as the time when the instalments on the same shall become payable.

Disposal of  
such reserve  
fund.

**2.** The society shall determine how the said reserve fund shall be invested and disposed of by acquiring immoveable property, bank stock, government or municipal, bonds, building societies' stock, or by loans on mortgages, and may, from time to time, alter such investment and dispose of the same, as occasion may require, or when a safer or more advantageous investment of the same may be made ; but the said society shall in no case and for no reason, spend annually, for the purposes of the said society, more than the interest on such fund or revenues derived therefrom, and shall have no right to encroach on the capital stock which shall be permanent.

Power to in-  
crease such  
fund.

**3.** The said society may, from time to time, and when deemed expedient, increase such permanent fund, and shall be invested with the same powers in reference to such increase of the said fund as for the original fund.

Employment of  
the revenues of  
the society.

**4.** The revenues of the said society shall be employed for the following purposes and in the following order :

1. The administration of the affairs of the society,
2. Relief to widows,
3. Relief to orphans,
4. Relief to sick members of the society.

Employment of  
surplus.

**5.** Any surplus shall be employed in establishing or increasing the permanent fund of the society.

Expenditure  
limited.

**6.** The society shall only spend, in any year, to the extent of its annual receipts.

7. The society shall appoint during the months of January and July in each year, four appraisers, two of whom shall be chosen from the members of the society and two from without it. Such appraisers shall determine, from the receipts and expenses, the amount which may be respectively granted during the then present half-year to the widows, orphans and sick members, who, at the time of and after the passing of this act, shall be entitled to relief, such relief not to exceed in any case the amount determined by the by-laws of the society; to that end, the said appraisers shall be entitled to examine the books and accounts of the said society.

Appointment of appraisers to determine amount to be given in relief.

8. In case such four appraisers mentioned in the preceding section should not agree as to the amount to be granted for relief, they shall appoint a fifth appraiser whose decision shall be final, and in default by the same to appoint such fifth appraiser, or in case the said society should neglect or refuse to appoint one or more of them, any judge of the superior court may, on a petition signed by ten members of the said society, appoint the same.

Appointment of a fifth expert, in case of disagreement.

9. The society may, at any time, join with any other society or union of societies, existing within the city or parish of Montreal, established with the same view and for the same purposes, on such conditions as may be deemed expedient at a regular meeting of members of the said society.

Power to unite with other societies.

## CAP. LVII.

An Act to relieve the Union St. Joseph of Montreal.

[Assented to 1st February, 1870.]

WHEREAS there exists in the city of Montreal a benefit and benevolent society duly incorporated under the name of "*L'Union St. Joseph de Montréal*"; whereas, the contributions levied on the members of such society are too limited, and the benefits, especially those granted to the widows of deceased members, are by far too high; and whereas such disproportion between the contributions and the benefits has already reduced considerably the resources of the said society, remarkably encroached on its savings, and prevented the balancing of receipts and expenses, the latter having exceeded the former for more than three years; whereas, almost all the widows of deceased members, to wit, twenty-two out of twenty-six, have understood such state of affairs, and have come to the relief of the said society by agreeing to allow their weekly and life benefits to be lessened and to exchange the same

Preamble.

