

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 Preamble.
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

against the allowance of a sum to be once paid and having not exceeded two hundred dollars, except for such of them who had not already received as such an equal sum of two hundred dollars; whereas it would be unjust and altogether injurious to the interests of the said society to continue to pay weekly and life benefits to the four widows having refused to comply with the terms offered to the other widows and by them accepted; and whereas the said four widows persisting in their refusal have already received in the way of ordinary benefits a sum exceeding that of two hundred dollars; whereas, it has been shewn that the financial condition of the said association does not permit of its continuing to pay to the four widows aforesaid their previous pensions, which, even if it were disposed, it could not do without entailing its own ruin; whereas the act incorporating the said society does not allow to decree that the terms accepted by the twenty-two widows aforesaid shall be binding for all the widows of its deceased members; and whereas it is expedient to remedy such unfavorable state of affairs, as prayed for by the petition of the said society; and whereas it is just that the prayer of the said petition be granted; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows:

Benefits of certain widows, converted into the sum of \$200.

1. The said society, "The Union St. Joseph of Montreal," is hereby authorized to convert in the ordinary manner and form of its proceedings, the benefits of the said four widows to wit: Dame Angele Duclos, widow of the late Ambroise Vigent, Dame Elizabeth Verdon, widow of the late Lapierre, Dame Lucie Pominville, widow of the late Augustin Roulé, and Dame Julie Sauvé, widow of the late Edouard Beaudoin, into the sum of two hundred dollars, to be once paid to each and all of them.

On refusal to accept, the \$200 kept in trust, etc.

2. If the said four widows or one of them refuse to accept such sum instead of their or her prior benefit, it shall be lawful for the said society to keep such sum or sums in trust and they shall only be bound to pay the said widows, for all the benefits to which they were previously entitled, the legal interest on the said sum of two hundred dollars, that is to say, twelve dollars to each of them, the said interest payable monthly and in advance, up to their remarriage or till their death if they remain in a state of widowhood; it shall, nevertheless, be lawful for the said widows to draw the said allowance of two hundred dollars each, provided, of course, that they shall ask for it while in a state of widowhood.

If the association becomes

3. But if the said association, "L'Union St. Joseph de Montréal," sees its condition improved, and becomes pos-

essed of assets amounting to twenty-five thousand dollars, in real estate, or in savings deposited in banks or otherwise invested, it shall be permissible to the four widows named, to demand from the said association the same contributions as heretofore, (seven and six-pence per week) and also all arrears, from this date, after deduction has been made of the two hundred dollars, and the interest received by them on the same.

possessed of
\$25,000, rights
of such widows
revive.

CAP. LVIII.

An Act to relieve the Union St. Jacques 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. Jacques 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 the half of the widows of deceased members, to wit, two out of four, 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 against the allowance of a sum to be once paid, and having not exceeded two hundred dollars, except for such of them who had not already received as such an equal sum of two hundred dollars; whereas it would be unjust and altogether injurious to the interests of the said society to continue to pay weekly and life benefits to the two widows having refused to comply with the terms offered to the other widows and by them accepted; and whereas the said two widows persisting in their refusal have already received, in the way of ordinary benefits, a sum exceeding that of two hundred dollars; whereas it has been shown that the financial condition of the said association does not permit of its continuing to pay to the two widows aforesaid their previous pensions, which, even if it were disposed, it could not do without entailing its own ruin; whereas the act incorporating the said society does not allow to decree that the terms accepted by the two widows aforesaid shall be binding for all the widows of its deceased members; and whereas it is expe-

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