

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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dient 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. Jacques of Montreal," is hereby authorized to convert in the ordinary manner and form of its proceedings, the benefits of the said two widows, to wit: Dame Elizabeth Brunet, widow of the late Albert Tessier, and Dame Julie Bélisle, widow of the late Prosper Tourville, into the sum of two hundred dollars, to be once paid to each and all of them.

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

2. If the said two 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 re-marriage 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 possessed of \$10,000, rights of such widows revive.

3. But, if the said association, "l'union St. Jacques de Montréal," sees its condition improve, and becomes possessed of assets amounting to ten thousand dollars in real estate or in savings deposited in banks or otherwise invested, it shall be permissible to the two widows above-named to demand from the said association the same contribution 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.

C A P . L I X .

An Act to empower the Rockland Slate Company to raise additional capital.

[Assented to 1st February, 1870.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS the Rockland Slate Company, a body corporate and politic, duly incorporated under and by virtue of letters-patent under the great seal of the heretofore province of Canada, dated the twenty-second day of June, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, repre-