

CAP. LIV.

An act to incorporate the Society called "*L'Union St. Joseph à St. Sauveur de Québec.*"

[Assented to, 24th February, 1868.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS there has existed and still does exist in the parish of St. Sauveur of Quebec, an association known as "*L'Union St. Joseph à St. Sauveur de Québec,*" having for its object to unite as much as possible the French Canadians of Quebec, for the purpose of forming a benevolent society, by means of a small annual subscription, which shall form a fund, to which each member thereof shall be entitled in the event of sickness or accident, and of ensuring like assistance and other advantages to the widows and children of deceased members; and whereas the members of the said association have prayed to be incorporated, and it is expedient to grant their petition; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec enacts as follows:

Existing association incorporated.

1. François Kirouac, Joseph Léon Saucier, Félix Em. Juneau, Pierre Giroux, David Létourneau, Jacques Bonhomme jr., F. William Roy, Léopold P. Falardeau, Mathias Morissette, Joseph Julien, Narcisse Dion, François Belanger, Nazaire Lachance, Jonas Gosselin, Edouard Dolbec, Joseph Leclerc, Théodore Tremblay, 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 "*L'Union St. Joseph à St. Sauveur de Québec,*" for the 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 or 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 two 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 the province of Quebec, 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, and also such regulations and by-laws as may be in force at the time of the passing of this act; such majority may also execute and administer, or cause to be executed and adminis-

General corporate powers.

By-laws and administration.

tered, all and every the other business and matters appertaining to the said corporation, and to the government and management thereof, in so far as the same may come under their control, respect being nevertheless had to the regulations, stipulations, provisions and by-laws, to be hereafter passed and established.

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 carrying out any of the objects above referred to.

How revenues shall be employed.

3. 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 corporation constituted by this act, 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.

Debts and assets of the association devolve to the corporation.

Present by-laws, &c., continue until altered.

4. The members of the said corporation for the time being, or the majority of them, shall have power to appoint administrators or managers for the administration of the property of the corporation, and such officers, managers, administrators or servants of the said corporation, as may be required for the due management of the affairs thereof, and to allow to them respectively a reasonable and suitable remuneration; and all officers so appointed, shall have the right to exercise, such other powers and authority, for the due management and administration of the affairs of the said corporation, as may be conferred upon them by the regulations and by-laws of the said corporation.

Appointment and salary of officers.

5. The said corporation shall be bound to make annual reports to the lieutenant-governor and to both branches of the legislature, containing a general statement of the affairs of the corporation, which said reports shall be presented within the fifteen first days of the session.

Annual report to legislature.

6. No sum of money granted by the said corporation, in virtue of its constitution or any by-law, for the purpose of aiding or assisting any member when sick, or the widow or orphans of any deceased member, shall be liable to seizure, either before or after judgment; provided always that nothing in the present section contained, shall prejudice in any manner whatsoever, the right of any creditor with regard to moneys due by the corporation, to any member, either by reason of a contract, or other undertaking entered into between the said corporation and such member.

Sums granted for aid shall be exempt from seizure.

Proviso.