

**3.** The duplicate of the registers to be kept by any such minister, shall be the property of the congregation; and whenever the connection between such minister and the said congregation shall cease, such registers shall be deposited with the deacons thereof, to be kept by the successor of such minister, for the use of the said congregation.

The duplicate registers shall belong to the congregation.

**4.** The said ministers shall in all respects comply with and be governed by the acts, statutes and laws in force in this province, in the keeping of the said registers, and shall, in case of disobedience to the requirements thereof, be liable to the penalties in like cases thereby imposed, which penalties shall be paid, recoverable, applied, and accounted for, in the same manner as the penalties imposed by them are therein directed to be recovered, paid, applied and accounted for.

Ministers bound to conform to the law in force, and subject to its penalties.

**5.** This act shall be held to apply to the registers of baptisms, marriages and burials heretofore kept by the minister in charge for the time being of the congregation of the said church in the township of Hull, so soon as the same shall have been fyled and kept in accordance with the formalities provided by the laws in force in this province, in relation to registers of like nature.

Act to apply to registers already kept at Hull.

## C A P . L V I .

An act to authorize the Sisters of Charity of the General Hospital of Montreal, to acquire property to a certain value, and to dispose of the same.

[Assented to, 24th February, 1868.]

**W**HEREAS the reverend sister superior and other members of the community of the Sisters of Charity of the General Hospital of Montreal, known as the *Grey Nuns*, have by their petition prayed that an act may be passed to authorize them to acquire and dispose of property to a certain value, over and above what they now possess, and, by reason of the great usefulness of their institution, it is expedient to grant their prayer: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows:

Preamble.

**1.** The said community, in their corporate capacity aforesaid, may from time to time, acquire, by gift, will or other title, property of any nature whatever within this province, and may hold and enjoy the same according to the regulations and customs of their establishment; provided the annual value or income thereof does not exceed the sum of eight thousand pounds, currency, over and above the annual value of all property legally possessed by them at the time of the passing of this act.

Community may acquire additional property to the annual value of £8,000.

It may dispose of all its property and acquire other instead.

2. The said community, may at any time, for such considerations and on such terms as they think fit, sell any movable or immovable property now or hereafter belonging to them, and may invest the proceeds of any such sale in other property of any kind, to be held by them for the purposes of their institution.

How it may be represented and act.

3. For all the purposes of this act, or of any thing to be done in virtue thereof, the said community may be represented and may act in their corporate name, by the superior, or by any one or more of her assistants for the time being, or by any one of the sisters authorized to that effect by resolution of the council of the said community.

Annual report to be made.

4. The said community shall annually furnish the lieutenant-governor in council with a detailed statement of all property possessed by them under this act, and of all revenue derived therefrom.

## C A P . L V I I .

An act respecting the Minutes of the late Théod Doucet, in his life time of the City of Montreal, notary public.

[Assented to, 24th February, 1868.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS Théodore Doucet, Esquire, of the city of Montreal, notary public, has by his petition to the legislature represented that Théod Doucet, his father, late of the said city of Montreal, notary public, died on the twentieth day of December last, and that, by reason of the circumstances mentioned in the said petition, it would be conducive to the public good that the minutes, repertories and indexes of the said Théod Doucet, should remain for a limited time in the possession and custody of the said petitioner, in whose possession they now are;—and whereas Lucie Migneault, mother of the said Théodore Doucet, has joined in the said petition:—and whereas the allegations of the said petition have been proved, and it is expedient to grant the prayer thereof, with certain restrictions: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows :

Minutes of the late Théodore Doucet shall remain in the hands of his son.

1. The minutes, repertories and indexes of the said late Théod Doucet shall remain in the possession and custody of the said Théodore Doucet during a term of ten years from the death of his said father; and all copies of the said minutes, signed and certified as such by the said Théodore Doucet, shall be authentic, and be received in evidence in the same manner as they would have been when signed by the prothonotary, if that officer had become depositary of the said minutes under chapter seventy-three of the consolidated statutes for Lower Canada.