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An Act to incorporate the Quebec Fire Assurance Company. (29th March, 1826.)

Whereas Anthony Anderson, John Anderson, Henry Atkinson, George Arnold, Peter Burnet, Samuel Southby Bridge, Alexander Badenoch, Joseph Badeaux, Michel Berthelot, Amable Berthelot, M. P. P. Honorable Mathew Bell, James Bell, David Munro Bell, Louis Theodore Besserer, Francois Bellet, Pierre Boisseau, Jean Belanger, M. P. P. Heirs of James Birse, Rev. Robert Raby Burrage, Jean Olivier Brunet, Francois Buteau, Jas. Burns; Wm. Budden, Jas. Clearihue, John Clearihue, Chas. Campbell, Archd. Campbell, Thos. Cary, Jos. Cary, Geo. Chapman, Senr. George Chapman, Junr. Andrew Wm. Cochran, John Greaves Clapham, John Cannon, M.P.P. Francis Coulson, Martin Chinic, Benjamin Corriveau, Charles Eusebe Casgrain, Francois Durette, Robert Dalkin, Charles Simon Delorme, David Douglas, Pierre Edouard Desbarats, Louise Desbarats, Chevallier Robert Anne D'Estimauville, Captain John D'Estimauville, Amable Dionne, Michel Louis Juchereau Duchesnay, Louise Fleuri de la Gorgendiere Veuve Ducliesnay, William Downs, Jean Fortier, Francois Fortier, Louis Fortier, Thomas Fargues, M. D. Charles Faucher, Captain Noah Freer, Charles Augustus Freer, James Forbes, M. D. Hammond Gowen, Benaiah Gibb, Heirs of Eleanor Leitch, Pastorious Gibb, Heirs of John Goudie, Thomas Graham, Frederick Glackemeyer, senr. James George, Heirs of Louis Gauvreau, John Graves, Olivier Fleuri de la Gorgendiere, Henry Grasset, M. D. Joseph Gauvin, Jean Baptiste Grenier, John Grout, James Gibbs Gillespie, Finlay & Co. William Hall, Charles Hunter, Heirs of James Hunter, Louisa Howard Hart, Alie Blake Hart, Moses Hart, Ezekiel Hart, James Hunt, Mary Hunt, Thomas Hunt, Pierre Huot, Jean Huot, William Holmes, M. D. William Hossack, Robert Haddan, Alexander Haddan, William Henderson, Gilbert Henderson, George Henderson, Gordian Horan, Hughes Heney, M. P. P. Charles Harvicker, Charles A. Holt, Thos. Hayes, Joseph Jones, William Williamson Kerr, Pierre de Sales Laterriere, M. D. Marc Pascal de Sales Laterriere, M. P. P. Thomas Lloyd, M. D. Richard Lilliot, Louis Lagueux, fils, M. P. P. Louis Lagueux, père, Marie Anne Lindsay, Francois Laurent, fils, John Lambly, Samuel William Leslie, Jacques Leblond, pere, Joseph Leblond, Henry Lemesurier, Louis Massue, Heirs of Gaspard Massue, Henry MacauJey, John Macnider, Adam Lymburner Macnider, Agnes Munn, William Miller, John Miller, John Musson, Nicholas Francis Malhiot, James Lempriere Murette, Heirs of Louis Moquin, Daniel Macpherson, Laughlin Thomas Macpherson, John Macnaught, Joseph Morrin, Andrew M'Cambridge, George Macbeath, John Mackenzie, Colin McCallum, John Neilson, M. P. P. Duncan Campbell Napier, Frederick Pc try, Augustin Perrault, Turton Penn, Heirs of Stewart Peddic, William Peddie, John Phillips, Phillippe Panet, Thomas Todd, William Patton, William Petry, François Romain, père, Francois Romain, fils, Charles Francois Roi, James Ross, George Ross, William Henry Robinson, Heirs of Anne Richardson, Heirs of Jean Bte. Raymond, Hector Russell & Co. Therese Sheppard, William Grut Sheppard, William Sheppard, Charles Smith, George Smith, Charles Grey Stewart, Captain Thomas Stott, Heirs of Thomas Stott, junr. Heirs of Major

Charles Dixie Sheckleton, Joseph Stilson, Adolphus Sarony, William Stilling, Michel Sauvageau, Hon. John Stewart, Daniel Sutherland, Michael Scott, Heirs of John Seyboldt, Marcus J. Sisson, Hon. Lieut.- Col. Charles De Salaberry, C. B. Alexander Simpson, James Thom, Heirs of Thomas Torrance, William Thornton, Charles Trudelle, William Thomas, Benjamin Tremain, William Henry Tilstone, Phillip N. Vancortlandt, Joseph Remi Vallieres ne St. Real, M. P. P. Pierre Vocelle, Marie Susanne Voyer Veuve Voudenvelden, Heirs of Thomas White, Augustin Wexler, Major Foster J. Weeks, James Thomas Wilson, Thomas Wilson, William Wilson, Robert Wood and Joshua Whitney, associated as a Company, under the name and style of "The Quebec Fire Assurance Company," have, by their humble Petition presented to the Legislature of this Province, prayed for an Act of Incorporation, for the purpose of insuring against losses by Fire: and whereas, the said Association has been established in the City of Quebec, and carrying on their said business of insuring against losses by Fire there and elsewhere, for nearly eight years last past, and has become of great public utility and advantage, and materially contributed' to the security and relief of individuals and of the public, by greatly reducing the rates of premium formerly paid, by prompt and equitable adjustment and reimbursement of heavy losses when sustained, and by affording easier and more efficacious means of relief against the calamitous consequences of fires, than have hitherto existed in this part of His Majesty's Dominions; and whereas the said Petitioners have represented that the capital stock of their said Association subscribed, and to be subscribed, is limited to the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand pounds, divided into two thousand five hundred shares of one hundred pounds each: Be it therefore enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of Lower-Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of Great Britain, intituled, "An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, 'An Act for making more effectual provision for the Government of the Province of Quebec, in North America;' and to make further provision for the Government of the said Province." And it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that the several persons herein-above named, Stockholders of the said association or company, their several and respective Successors or Assigns, shall be and they are hereby created, constituted and declared to be a corporation, body politic and corporate, in fact and in name, by the name and style of "The Quebec Fire Assurance Company," and as such shall continue and have succession until the first day of May, which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, unless this Act shall be in the meantime repealed by the Legislature, and by that name, they and their successors or assigns shall have continual succession, and shall be in Law capable of suing or being sued, pleading or being impleaded, defending and being defended, answering and being answered unto, in all Courts of Judicature, in all manner of actions, suits, complaints, matters and causes whatsoever, and also of contracting and being contracted with, relative to the funds of the said Corporation, and the business and purposes for which it is hereby created, as hereinafter declared, and may make, establish and put into execution, alter or repeal such byelaws, rules, ordinances and regulations, the same not being contrary to the Constitution and Laws of this Province, or to the provisions of this Act, as may appear to

them necessary or expedient for the management of the business of the said Company, and may have a Common Seal, and may change and alter the same, at their pleasure.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall and may be lawful for the said Corporation, to purchase and hold such and so much real estate, as shall be necessary for their convenient accommodation in the transaction of their business, and to sell, alienate and dispose of the same and other Estate, if need be, to acquire for the purpose aforesaid; provided that such real Estate shall not, at any time, exceed the value of ten thousand pounds currency; and also to take and hold any real Estate or securities bona fide, mortgaged or pledged to the said Corporation, either to secure the payment of the share of the Capital Stock thereof, or to secure the payment of any debt which may be contracted with the said Corporation, and also to proceed on the said mortgages or other securities for the recovery of the monies thereby secured, either at Law or in Equity, or otherwise, in the same manner as any other mortgagee is or shall be authorised to do; provided always that it shall not be lawful for the said Corporation to deal or use, or employ any part of the stock, funds or monies thereof, in buying or selling any goods, wares and merchandises or in traffic, trade or commerce of any kind, otherwise than herein-before specified and permitted.

III. And for the better security of the public, be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Person administering the Government of this Province for the time being, or for any or either Branch of the Provincial Parliament, from time to time, to require from the President, Vice-President and Directors of the said Corporation, Lists of the names of all and each of the Stockholders who hold shares in the stock of the said Corporation, which Lists the said President, Vice-President and Directors shall be bound to furnish when required as aforesaid, upon oath.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that nothing herein- contained shall affect or be construed to affect, in any manner or way, the right of His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, or of any person or persons, or of any Body, Politic or Corporate, such only excepted as are herein-mentioned.

V. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that this Act shall be deemed a public Act; and shall be judicially taken notice of as such by all Judges, Justices of the Peace, and other persons whatsoever, without being specially pleaded.