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9 George IV – Chapter 58

An Act to incorporate certain persons. therein-named, under the name of the "Quebec Fire Assurance Company." (14th March, 1829.)

Whereas Anthony Anderson, John Anderson, Henry Atkinson, George Arnold, William Alberti, Francis Austin, Samuel Southby Bridge, Peter Burnet, Alexander Badenoch, Michel Berthelot, Amable Berthelot, Jean Baptiste. Berthelot, the Honorable Matthew Bell, David Munro Bell, James Bell, William Bell, Pierre Boisseau, Louis Theodore Besserer, the heirs, of Jean Belanger, the heirs of James Birsse, Jean Olivier Brunet, Janies Burns, William Budden, the Reverend Robert Raby Burrage, Francois Buteau, Thomas Bienvenue Barwis, Francis Olivier Boivert, James Clearihue, Charles Campbell, Archibald Campbell, Thomas Cary, Joseph Cary, George Chapman, John Graves Clapham, the Honorable Andrew William Cochran, John Cannon, M. P. P. Martin Chinic, Benjamin Corriveau, Charles Eusebe Casgrain, Francois Durette, Robert Dalkin, Charles Simon Delorme, David Douglas, Colonel Neil Douglas, Louise Desbarats, Amable Dionne, Michel Louis Juchereau Duchesnay, Louise Fleuri de la Gorgendierc, widow Duchesnay, William Downes, Josephte Voyer widow Desbarats, the heirs of Fraiois Fortier, Jean Fortier, Louis Fortier, Thomas Fargues, M. D. Charles Foucher, Noah Freer, Augustus Charles Freer, Archibald Ferguson, Hammond Gowen, James Gibb, James D. Gibb, Thomas Gibb, Benaiah Gibb, the heirs of John Goudie, Thomas Graham, Frederick Glackemeyer the elder, James George, Susannah and Elizabeth George, John Graves, Olivier Fleuri de la Gorgendiere, Henry Grasset, M. D. Joseph Gauvin, Jean Baptiste Grenier, John Grout, Gillespie, Finlay and company, Bartholomew Conrad Augustus Gogy, Marie Anne Gauvreau, William Hall, Louisa Howard Hart, Areli Blake Hart, Moses Hart, Ezekiel Hart, James Hunt, Mary Hunt, Thomas Hunt, William Holmes, M. D. William Hossack, Robert Haddan, Alexander liaddan, William Henderson, Gilbert Henderson, George Henderson, Gordian Horan, Jean Huot, Charles Harvicker, Charles-Adolplms-Boit, Robert Narrower, Simon Hebert, Joseph Jones, Margaret Kerr, Pierre de Sales Laterriere, M. D. Marc Paschal de Sales Laterricre, M. P.P. Thomas Lloyd, M. D. Richard Lilliott. John Lambly, Louis Lagueux the elder, Louis Lagueux the younger, M. P. P. Marie Anne Lindsay, Francois Laurent the elder, Francois Laurent the younger, Jacques Leblond the elder, Joseph Leblond, Henry Lemesurier, Jeremiah Leaycraft, Louis Massue, the heirs of Gaspard Massue, Henry McCauley, John McNider, Adam Lvmburner McNider, William Millar, Agnes Munn, John Miller, -John Musson, Nicolas Franfois Malhiot, James Lempriere Marett, Louis Moquin, Daniel McPherson, Laughlin Thomas McPherson, Joseph Morrin, John McNaught, George McBeath, John McKenzie, Collin McCallum, Duncan McCallum, the Reverend Joseph Langley Mills, D. D. James McDouall, John Neilson, M. P. P. Duncan Campbell Napier, Frederick Petry, Augustin Perrault, Turton Penn, the heirs of Stewart Peddie, William Peddie, John Phillips, Philiipe Panet, Thomas Podd, Pierre Peltier, Francois Remain the elder, Francois Romain the younger, Charles Francois Roi, James Ross, George Ross, Robert Pope Ross, William Henry

Robinson, the heirs of Anne Richardson, the heirs of Jean Baptiste Raymond, Hector Russel and company, Marie Louise Roy, widow Chauveau, Therese Bellenoix Sheppard, William Grut Sheppard, William Sheppard, Charles Smith, George Smith, Charles Grey Stewart, the Honorable John Stewart, Captain Thomas Stott, the heirs of Thomas Stott, the younger, the heirs of Charles Dixie Shekleton, the heirs of Joseph Stilson, William Stillings, Michel Sauvageau, Daniel Sutherland, Michael Scott, the heirs of John Seybold, Marcus J. Sisson, Honorable Lieutenant Colonel Charles De Salaberry, C. B. Alexander Simpson, James Thom, the heirs of Thomas Torrance, the heirs of William Thornton, Charles Trudelle, Benjamin Tremain, William Henry Tilstone, Phillip Vancortlandt, Pierre Vocelle, Joseph Remi Valiieres deSt. Real, M. P. P. Marie Susanne Voyer, widow Yondenvelden, the heirs of Thomas White, Augustin Wexler, Thomas Wilson, Major Foster, J. Weeks, William Wilson and Mary Wood, 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 eleven 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 of their said Association 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, consituted 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 enacted, 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-eight, 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 or 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 Bye-Laws, 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 alter the same at 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 have and hold any hypothec upon real estate either to secure the payment of the shares 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, in the same manner as any other mortgagee is or shall be authorized to do; provided always that it shall not be lawful for the said Corporation to deal with or to 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 hereinbefore specified and permitted.

III. And for the better security of the Public, be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall and maybe lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Person administering the Government of this Province for the time being, or for any Branch of the Provincial Parliament, from time to time, to require from the President, Vice Presidents 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.

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 rights of Mis 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.