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3 William IV – Chapter 35

An Act to incorporate the Institution for Female Penitents in the District of Montreal.

3d April, 1833.—Presented for His Majesty's Assent and reserved "for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure thereon."

13th April, 1834.—Assented to by His Majesty in Council.

13th August, 1834.—The Royal Assent signified by the Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor in Chief.

Whereas it is expedient to encourage the Charitable Institution for Female Penitents, and to provide for the stability and permanency thereof:— 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 there shall be established at Montreal a Corporation under the name of "The Charitable Institution for Female Penitents," which shall by that name have perpetual succession and a Common Seal, and may under the said name sue and be sued in any Court of Law in this Province, and may legally perform any Act which any Body Politic or Corporate may legally perform.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the said Corporation may take by purchase, gift, legacy or otherwise, and may hold any property whatsoever moveable or immoveable, provided the annual value of the property so purchased, given, or bequeathed shall not at any time exceed the sum of one thousand pounds currency, and that the said Corporation may at any time when they shall deem it advantageous for the said Institution, sell, alienate, or exchange any part of the property so purchased, given or bequeathed.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the person who shall be elected for that purpose at a meeting of the said Corporation, held on the first Monday in May in every year, shall be the President of the Corporation, who shall in like manner and on the same day appoint for one year, a proper person to perform the functions of Secretary-Treasurer, who shall render an account to the said Corporation every three months of the monies with which such person shall have been entrusted, and may be removed, and

another appointed in his stead by the said Corporation when and in such manner as they shall deem expedient.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the said Corporation shall in the first instance consist of the persons hereinafter named; that is to say:—Of Mrs. M. Amable Fortier, wife of the Honorable D.B. Viger; Mrs. Marguerite Conefroy, widow of the late Louis Chaboillet, Esquire; Mrs. Genevieve Blondeau, widow of the late Gabriel Cote, Esquire Mrs. Marie Charlotte Lacroix, wife of Paul Joseph Lacroix, Esquire, Mrs. Justine Casgrain, wife of Pierre Beaubien, Esquire; Mrs. Henriette Huguet Latour, widow of the late Duncan McDonell; and shall have power by a majority of votes, to associate with themselves other persons as Members, provided that the number of Members shall not at any time exceed fifteen nor be less than five.

V. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the said Corporation may at any time make and execute such Rules and Regulations as they shall deem expedient for the good government of the said Institution, and may change and modify the same according to circumstances, or as may be needful for the Institution. Provided always that such Regulations shall not be contrary to the Laws of the country.

VI. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the President or (if the President be absent or refuse,) three members may call a meeting of the Corporation by causing a notice signed by the Secretary to be delivered to each of the Members of the Corporation residing in the City, at a sufficient interval of time before the meeting, and such notice shall mention the object of the meeting, and the hour and place at which it is to be held.

VII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that if the said Institution shall, by any cause whatsoever be dissolved, the moveable property which shall then been nature and the immoveable property and Rentes Constituees which shall have been given or bequeathed to the said Corporation or the immoveable property purchased or received in exchange by means of the sale of the immoveable property so given or bequeathed, shall return to and belong to the legal heirs of the persons who shall have given or bequeathed such property to the said Corporation.

VIII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that in case of such dissolution of the said Corporation, the real property by them purchased and paid for out of their own Revenues, and not by the sale or exchange of any property given or bequeathed to them, as well as all other property then belonging to the said Corporation, shall be at the disposal of the Legislature, for the purposes of being applied to the maintenance of some Charitable Institution, or to the Education of the poor in the Parish in which such property shall be situated.

IX. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that this Act shall not in any way affect the rights of His Majesty, his heirs and successors, nor of any person or Corporation other than those herein specially mentioned.