

year, the amount of capital actually paid in, and how the same has been invested and secured; also a particular statement of the manner in which the residue of the capital stock has been secured; the amounts of the dividends for the preceding year, and when declared, together with the amount of surplus profits (if any) then belonging to the said Corporation, and how the same has been invested and secured; the amount of real estate owned by the said Corporation; together with a particular statement of all other affairs of the said Corporation; which return shall be signed by the Secretary of the said Corporation, who shall make oath or affirmation before some Justice of the Peace for the City and County of Saint John to the truth of the said return, according to the best of his knowledge and belief; and the Secretary of the said Corporation shall also at the same time make a return under oath or affirmation, of the names of the stockholders, and the amount of stock owned by each; and a majority of the Directors of the said Corporation shall certify and make oath or affirmation before the same Justice of the Peace, that the books of the said Corporation indicate the state of facts so returned by their Secretary, and that they have full confidence in the truth of the return so made by him; and it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Province annually to lay before the Legislature of this Province, so soon after the opening of the Session as practicable, such returns as aforesaid as he may have received since the next previous Session.

30. This Act shall continue and be in force until the first day of May which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy five.

CAP. LXX.

An Act to incorporate the Saint John Protestant Orphan Asylum.

Preamble recites the Constitution of the Society.

Section.

1. Institution incorporated.
2. Recited rules to be the constitution.

Section.

3. Certain property and liabilities transferred to the Corporation.

Passed 12th April 1855.

WHEREAS it has been represented to the Legislature of this Province that certain persons hereinafter named, and divers

others, inhabitants of the City and County of Saint John, have associated themselves together for the purpose of erecting an Asylum for Destitute Orphans in the City and County of Saint John, under the following Constitution, Rules, and Regulations, that is to say :—

1st. This Institution shall be called "The Saint John Protestant Orphan Asylum."

2nd. The object of this Institution is to provide a home, food, clothing, medical attendance, and Scriptural education for destitute Orphans, without distinction of sect or colour, and to apprentice them at suitable ages to approved Protestant masters or mistresses, or otherwise provide for them.

3rd. The Asylum shall be managed by a Board of Directors, seven of whom shall be lay members of Protestant Churches holding the following doctrines, viz :—

First—The Being and Unity of God.

Second—The Doctrine of the Trinity.

Third—The Personality of the Holy Ghost.

Fourth—The Doctrine of the atonement.

Fifth—Justification by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Sixth—The eternity of future rewards and punishments.

4th. Clergymen of Protestant Churches (being subscribers and holding the aforesaid doctrines) shall *ex officio* be members of the Board of Directors.

5th. Yearly subscribers of five shillings and upwards, being Protestants, shall be entitled to vote for Directors.

6th. The Directors shall appoint a Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and all other officers connected with the Institution, and may change or dismiss them from time to time, as they may deem necessary.

7th. The annual meeting shall be held on the second Monday in each year, when the election of Directors shall take place.

8th. In case of vacancy by the death, removal, or the refusal to act of any lay Director, the Board shall appoint one to act until the next annual meeting.

9th. Regular meetings of Directors shall be held on the first Monday in each month for the transaction of business, four lay Directors constituting a quorum.

10th. Special meetings shall be called by the Chairman when application is made in writing by three members of the Board, due notice being given of such meeting.

11th. Two or more Directors, one of whom shall be a layman, shall be appointed monthly as a visiting and superintending Committee, who shall report weekly in writing to the Chairman.

12th. The Chairman shall preside at all meetings, and if absent another Chairman shall be appointed *pro tempore*.

13th. The Secretary shall keep a record of the transactions of the Institution, and notify the members of special meetings.

14th. The Treasurer shall receive all moneys and deposit the same weekly in the Bank of New Brunswick in the name of this Institution, and give an account of the same at the monthly meeting of the Board.

15th. No money shall be drawn from the Bank unless by a check signed by the Chairman and Secretary.

16th. The Directors from time to time shall make, alter, or rescind such bye laws as they may deem necessary, provided such bye laws are in accordance with the Constitution, notice of the same being given at the previous meeting of the Board.

And whereas also the said persons have contributed or engaged to contribute considerable sums of money for the object therein recited: And whereas it is considered necessary for the safety of the property of the Institution, and would tend to facilitate and promote the purposes of the said Institution, that it should be incorporated;—

Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council, and Assembly, as follows:—

1. The Reverend I. W. D. Gray, D. D., the Reverend John Armstrong, the Reverend Alexander M'Leod Stavely, the Reverend Charles Mackay, the Reverend William Armstrong, the Reverend James W. Disbrow, the Reverend William Ferric, the Reverend George M. Armstrong, the Reverend James G. Hennigar, the Reverend I. E. Bill, the Reverend Samuel Robinson, the Reverend Edward N. Harris, the Reverend James Bennett, the Reverend James Baird, the Reverend Ezekiel M'Leod, Thomas W. Daniel, James Paterson, L. L. D., John Fraser, A. M'L. Seely, William Peters, John Armstrong, and Le Baron Bots-

ford, M. D., and such other persons as are now members of the said Institution, according to the Constitution, Rules, and Regulations thereof, and such other persons as shall from time to time hereafter become members of the Institution, shall be and are hereby declared to be a body corporate and politic in name and deed, by the name of "The Saint John Protestant Orphan Asylum," and by the said name the said Institution shall have all the general powers and privileges made incident to a Corporation by Act of Assembly in this Province.

2. The Constitution, Rules, and Regulations hereinbefore recited, shall and the same are hereby declared to be the Constitution, Rules, and Regulations of the said Corporation.

3. The property, both real and personal, moneys, funds, securities, and assets of every description of the said Society, whether in possession, remainder, reversion, or expectancy, shall from and after the passing of this Act be and the same are hereby declared to be absolutely vested in the said Corporation by the name aforesaid, for the like objects and purposes, and no other, for which the same were held by the said Institution, and by the said Corporation shall be appropriated and applied in like manner as the same were required to be appropriated and applied by the said Institution; and shall and may from time to time be sued for and recovered by all lawful ways and means to and for the uses aforesaid; and all the liabilities of the said Institution, both in law and equity, shall in like manner, from and after the passing of this Act, devolve upon the said Corporation by the name aforesaid, to the same extent as the said Institution would have been held liable for had this Act not been passed.

CAP. LXXI.

An Act to incorporate the Saint Stephen Lower Bridge Company.

Section.

1. Company incorporated.
2. Authority to erect a bridge to the centre of the Saint Croix with piers, &c.
3. A toll granted; collection thereof; revision.
4. Bridge to have a draw for passage of vessels.
5. Toll to be in full for passage to opposite bank of River.
6. Pace for horses, &c. on the bridge to be a walk.

Section.

7. Running or evading payment of toll, penalty.
8. Authority to form a connecting roadway.
9. Refusing to raise the draw, penalty.
10. Passageway under bridge to be kept clear.
11. Suit for damage by obstructions.
12. Two members may call a meeting of the Company.
13. Wilful injuries to the bridge, piers, &c. to be a misdemeanor.
14. Limitation of Act.