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Acts of the General Assembly of Her Majesty's Province of New-Brunswick passed in the year 1840. Fredericton, NB: John Simpson, Printer to the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, 1840.

3 Victoria – Chapter 73

An Act to incorporate the Saint John Orphan Benevolent Society. Passed 31st March 1840.

- I. Be it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly, That Lewis Burns, Francis Collins, John Dougherty, James Gallagher, Henry Chubb, John Humbert, Henry Porter, Thomas Harding, Hugh Sharkie, Michael M'Donnell, John W. Scott, Richard Nowlan and their Successors, be and they are hereby erected into a body Corporate for the purpose of relieving, protecting, educating and binding out as Apprentices all such indigent Orphan Children as are already or which hereafter shall be received as fit and proper objects for relief and protection, and for no other purpose, by the name of The Saint John Orphan Benevolent Society, and shall have all the general powers and privileges incident to Corporations by Act of the General Assembly of this Province: Provided always, That the real estate which said Corporation may at any time hold, shall not exceed five thousand pounds.
- II. And be it enacted, That the said Corporation shall have in all respects the like power and authority, by and with the consent of two or more Justices of the Peace, to bind out any such Orphan Children as the Overseers of the Poor now have, under and by virtue of the second section of an Act made and passed in the twenty sixth year of the Reign of His Majesty King George the Third, intituled "An Act to regulate and provide for the support of the Poor in this Province."