

*Laws of His Majesty's Province of Newfoundland*, passed in the year 1834.

4 William IV – Chapter 22 (Session 1)

**An Act to Incorporate the Saint John's Mechanics' Society. (12th June, 1834.)**

Whereas divers Mechanics and Tradesmen, being Inhabitants of the Town of Saint John's, in this Colony, did, in the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty Seven, establish and form themselves into an Association or Society, under the name and title of "The Saint John's Mechanics' Society," for the purpose of affording subsistence to such sick Members as might need support, and for other good and wholesome purposes; since which said period the said Society has been joined by numerous additional members.—And whereas the Members of the said Society are desirous, for the better regulation thereof, that the same shall be rendered a Body Corporate and Politic, with perpetual succession, as hath been signified and prayed for by the members of the said Society: Be it therefore enacted, by the Governor, Council, and Assembly, of Newfoundland, in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, that Patrick Kough, Esquire, of Saint John's, Builder, President of the said Saint John's Mechanics' Society; Patrick Kelly, of Saint John's, Cooper, Vice-President of the said Society; Patrick Kielty, of Saint John's, Cooper, First Assistant of the said Society; James Tubrid, of St. John's, Cooper, Second Assistant of the said Society; Robert Wylie, of St. John's, Cooper, John Culleton, of Saint John's, Baker, and Patrick McCarthy, of Saint John's, Carpenter, Treasurers of the said Society; and Thomas McNamara, of Saint John's, Cooper, Secretary of the said Society; and their successors in office for ever (which said successors shall be elected and chosen in the way and manner hereinafter mentioned) shall be, and they are hereby constituted and declared to be, a Body Corporate and Politic, in name and in deed, under the name and style of "The Saint John's Mechanics Society" and the same shall be a perpetual Corporation, and shall have a Common Seal, with power to change and alter the same from time to time at pleasure, and shall be in law capable of suing and being sued, pleading and being impleaded, defending or being defended, answering or being answered unto, in all Courts of Judicature, in all manner of actions, suits, 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 constituted; And also, by and with the consent of the Members of the said Society, or a majority of them, may make, establish, and execute, alter or repeal, such Bye-laws, Rules and Regulations, not contrary to the Laws of this Colony, or the Provisions of this Act, as the said Corporation and Members of the said Society, may deem necessary and expedient for the better regulation and management thereof.

II. And be it further enacted, that it shall and may be lawful for the said Corporation to purchase any Real or Personal Estate, or to accept, hold and possess such as may be gratuitously given, grunted, devised or bequeathed for the use and benefit of the said Corporation and Society, which shall not altogether exceed the yearly value or income of Eight Hundred Pounds sterling; and that the said Corporation shall and may sell, alienate or otherwise dispose of the said Real or Personal Estate, so purchased, granted, devised or bequeathed, from time to time, as they shall or may see fit.

III. And be it further enacted, that on the Third Day of March in each and every year, a General Meeting of the Members of the said Saint John's Mechanics' Society shall take place, when such

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Members, or a majority of the Members who may be present, shall elect and choose a President, a Vice-President, a First Assistant, a Second Assistant, Three Treasurers, and a Secretary of the said Society; who shall for the year next ensuing such choice or election, and until a new election shall take place, be the Members of the said Corporation, under the provisions hereinbefore made and prescribed.