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An Act to incorporate the Toronto Horticultural Society. Assented to 10th June, 1857.

Whereas it is desirable to encourage and promote Horticulture, and with that object to incorporate within the City of Toronto a Society of persons to be called the Toronto Horticultural Society: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

- I. The Honorable Samuel Healey Harrison, the Honorable Joseph C. Morrison, and Messieurs George W. Allan, J. D. Humphries, George. Buckland, Adam Wilson, E. C. Jones, Frederick W. Jarvis, F. W. Coate, George Leslie, J. Fleming, John Gray, George Lewis, W. Gordon, J. A. Simmers, George Sootheran, Robert Beard and George Duggan, Junior, together with all such other persons as shall become members thereof as hereinafter mentioned, shall be and are hereby declared to be a body politic and corporate under the name of the Toronto Horticultural Society.
- II. The business and affairs of the said Society shall be managed and conducted within the City of Toronto by a President, two Vice-Presidents, two Secretaries, a Treasurer, and not less than eleven Directors, who shall be annually elected by the members at such time and place as shall be directed by the By-Laws of the Society, and seven Directors shall form a quorum with full power for the transaction of all business under this Act.
- III. The said Society, in addition to the powers conferred upon them by the twenty-fourth sub-section of the fifth section of the Interpretation Act, shall have power to purchase, acquire, lease, hold, take, possess and enjoy lands and real estate situate within the City of Toronto not exceeding ten acres, for the purposes and uses of the said Society, with power to erect Halls, Offices and other buildings, and to improve, ornament, and cultivate the same, and from time to time to alienate, mortgage, charge, demise or lease the said lands or real estate, or parts thereof for the advancement and promotion of Horticultural pursuits and interests, but for no other purpose or object.
- IV. Any person paying a sum not exceeding the sum of One hundred pounds and not less than the sum of Five pounds, shall, in the discretion of a majority of the Directors present, be eligible as a member of such Society; Provided always that the liability of each member of such Society shall be limited to the amount of his subscription thereto.
- V. The said Toronto Horticultural Society shall have power and authority to make and pass By-laws for the following purposes: To fix the times and places for the meetings of the said Society; for collecting and enforcing payment of such fees, tolls or charges as the Directors may from time to time fix to be paid by the visitors and others for the privilege of limited enjoyment of the Walks, Gardens, and advantages of the premises of the Society, or using or visiting the same or part or parts thereof;

said toll, fees, and charges to be devoted to the general purposes of the Society and defraying the expenses and disbursements of the same.

VI. Any failure to hold an Annual or other meeting under this Act, or to elect the said Officers or Directors, shall not operate as a dissolution of the said Society, but such meeting may be held and such Directors or Managers appointed on any other day in such manner as shall be provided for by the Bylaws of the Society.

VII. This Act shall be a Public Act, and the Interpretation Act shall apply thereto.