

necessary to ascertain any loss occasioned by fire, the Board of the said Association, established in conformity with the provisions of the first above cited Act, shall, provided a rule or regulation to the effect shall have been made by them, have power to refer to *experts* the claim of the parties who shall have suffered loss by such fire, and the said Board and any party interested as aforesaid, and every such *expert*, shall be authorized to obtain the deposition upon oath of any witness whom they may think capable of giving information respecting such fire and the loss suffered thereby.

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by fire: powers
of *experts*.

II. Any of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace, may and he is hereby authorized and required to swear any such *expert* or witness whenever he shall be called upon to do so.

Swearing
experts and
witnesses.

III. This Act shall be a Public Act.

Public Act.

C A P . L X I .

An Act to incorporate the University Lying-in Hospital in the City of Montreal.

[Assented to 18th December, 1854.]

WHEREAS an Association hath existed for several years in the City of Montreal, in this Province, under the name of the University Lying-in Hospital, the object whereof is charitable and to afford the means of furthering the acquisition of obstetrical science, and supply scientific aid to destitute females at a critical period; And whereas the said Association is composed of the persons hereinafter named and others, who have set forth in their Petition, that the Incorporation of the said Association would greatly increase and secure the advantages resulting therefrom, and have prayed that they and their successors may be incorporated in conformity with the regulations and provisions hereinafter mentioned: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of of an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and intituled, *An Act to re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the Government of Canada*, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, as follows:

Preamble.

I. Margaret Lunn, Mary Fulford, Eleanor Ostell, Directresses; Augusta Durnford, Secretary, of the said University Lying-in Hospital; Andrew F. Holmes, M. D., G. W. Campbell, M. D., O. Bruneau, M. D., W. Sutherland, M. D., James Crawford, M. D., William E. Scott, M. D., William Wright, M. D., Robert Palmer Howard, M. D., and William Fraser, M. D., Consulting Physicians to the same; Archibald Hall, M. D., Physician

Institution incorporated: and of whom to consist.

Corporate name and powers.

Limitation of property.

Physician in Attendance, and Benjamin Workman, M. D., Medical Registrar, also Officers of the said Lying-in Hospital, and such other persons as now are or shall, under the provisions of this Act and the By-laws of the said Association, be or become Members thereof, shall be, and they are hereby constituted a Corporation, under the name of "The University Lying-in Hospital," and shall be entitled to acquire, hold, possess, take and receive for the purposes of the said Corporation, but for the use and occupation only of the said Corporation, any real or immoveable property, and stocks and securities of any description not exceeding in yearly value the sum of one thousand pounds currency, and the same to sell, alienate and dispose of, and acquire others in their stead for the purposes above mentioned.

Transfer of property, and liabilities of present Association.

II. All and every the estates, real and personal, belonging to the said Association, and which the said Association, or the Members thereof as such, may hereafter acquire, and all debts, claims and demands due to the said Association, shall be, and they are hereby vested in the said Corporation hereby constituted, and the said Corporation shall be liable for all debts due by, or claims against, the said Association.

Present Officers and By-laws continued until others are made and appointed.

III. The By-laws, Rules and Regulations of the said Association, in force at the time of the passing of this Act, shall be, and continue to be, the By-laws, Rules and Regulations of the said Corporation: and the Officers of the said Association, at the time of the passing of this Act, and each of them, shall continue to fulfil their respective duties as Officers of the said Corporation, and to manage and conduct the affairs thereof, until others shall be appointed in their stead, under the said By-laws, Rules and Orders.

Public Act.

IV. This Act shall be deemed a Public Act.

C A P . L X I I .

An Act to incorporate the Montreal Dispensary.

[Assented to 18th December, 1854.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS a number of persons residing in Montreal, have been associated together for some time past, under the name of the "Montreal Dispensary," for the purpose of affording relief, by advice, medical and surgical aid, to the sick poor of that City; And whereas the persons hereinafter named being members of the Association, have by their Petition represented, that in order to carry out more fully the benevolent designs of its founders, and to increase its usefulness, it is desirable that this Institution should be incorporated under proper regulations, and have prayed to be incorporated accordingly, and it is expedient to grant the prayer of their Petition: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by
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