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An Act to incorporate the Association called “La Congregation de Notre Dame de Quebec.” 9th December, 1843.

Whereas there hath existed for many years in the City of Quebec, in this Province, an Association known by the names of “Les Congréganistes de Notre Dame,” or “La Congrégation de Notre Dame,” or “La Congrégation des Homines,” the objects whereof are of a religious nature and tend to encourage morality and the practice of works of Charity; And whereas the said Association is composed of the persons hereinafter mentioned and others, who have, by their petition, represented that the benefits resulting from the said Association would be augmented and ensured by its incorporation, and have prayed that they, and their successors, may be incorporated under the regulations and provisions hereinafter set forth; 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 an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, 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, that Charles Alfred Besse, Louis Bilodeau, Charles Cinq-Mars, Raphael Martin, Louis Lemieux, François Xavier Julien, Mathurin Hamoniaux, Charles Routier, Edouard Paquet, George S. Audet, Thomas Gauvin, Gaspard Lortie, and such other persons as now are or may hereafter, under the provisions of this Act, and the By-Laws of the said Association, become members thereof, and their successors shall be and they are hereby constituted a Body Politic and Corporate, by the name of “La Congregation de Notre Dame de Quebec,” and shall by that name have perpetual succession and a Common Seal, with power to break, change or alter the same at pleasure, and may, by the said name, from time to time, and at all times hereafter, purchase, acquire, hold., possess and enjoy, and may take and receive for them and their successors, to and for the uses and purposes of the said Corporation, any estates or property, real or immoveable, or personal within this Province, and not exceeding in yearly value the sum of one thousand pounds, currency, and the same may sell, alienate or dispose of, and others in their stead may purchase and acquire to and for the uses and purposes aforesaid, and they may by the said name sue and be sued in all Courts of Law or Equity, or other places whatsoever, in as large, ample and beneficial a manner as any other Body Politic or Corporate can or may do in this Province.

II. And be it enacted, that all real or immoveable or personal property, or estates whatsoever, of or belonging to the said Association, and more especially the lot of ground granted for the use and purposes of the said Association by Letters Patent, bearing date the nineteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen, and upon which the said Association has caused a Chapel to be erected, and all such property as may hereafter be acquired by the said Association, or the Members thereof, in their capacity as such, and all debts due to or rights and claims possessed by the said Association at the time of the passing of this Act, shall be

and are hereby transferred to and vested in the Corporation hereby constituted, which shall, in like manner, be liable to and for all debts due by or claims upon the said Association.

III. And be it enacted, that 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 until they shall be altered, amended or repealed in the manner therein provided; and the Officers of the said Association, at the time of the passing of this Act, and each of them, shall continue to hold their respective offices as Officers of the said Corporation and for the administration and management of the affairs and business thereof, until others shall be elected in their stead, in the manner by the said By-laws, Rules and Regulations prescribed.

IV. And be it enacted, that nothing herein contained shall have the effect, or be construed to have the effect of rendering all or any of the said several persons hereinbefore mentioned, or all or any of the Members of the said Corporation, or any person whatsoever, individually liable or accountable for or by reason of any debt, contract, or security contracted or incurred for or by reason of the said Corporation, or for or on account or in respect of any matter or thing whatsoever relating to the said Corporation.

V. And be it enacted, that nothing herein contained shall affect or be construed to affect, in any manner or way, the rights of Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, or of any person or persons, or of any Body Politic or Corporate, such only excepted as are hereinbefore mentioned and provided for.

VI. And be it enacted, that this Act shall be deemed a public Act, and shall be judicially taken notice of as such by all Judges, Justices of the Peace, and other persons whatsoever, without being specially pleaded.