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**An Act to incorporate the Ladies of the Committee of Management of the Montreal Lying-in Hospital. 16th November, 1843.**

Whereas an association has, for some time past, existed in the City of Montreal, in this Province, for conducting and managing a Lying-in Hospital, in the said City, designed for the Relief of distressed Females, who from their poverty are unable to procure that comfort and support for the want of which, not only their own lives but the lives of their offspring are placed in jeopardy; And whereas the persons hereinafter named, being members of the said Association, have, by their petition, represented that the advantages resulting from the Association would be greatly increased, if the members thereof were incorporated under proper regulations, and have prayed to be incorporated accordingly, and it is expedient to grant the prayer of their petition for the purpose of encouraging the laudable efforts of the said Association, and promoting the public advantages which must arise from the same; 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 Elizabeth Platt, Jane Vallières, Mary Mathewson, Sarah Campbell, Isabella Dorwin, Helen C. Hutchison, Emma M. Crawford, Jessy Speirs, Charlotte M. Archibold, Sarah Anna Prowse, Elizabeth Esson, Primrose M. Lindsay, Jane Lavicomte, Seraphina McKenzie, Angelique C. Delisle, Elizabeth Ogden, Amelie Berthelot, A. B. Larocque, L. Lacombe, Delphine Levesque, E. L. Perrault, Henrietta Ross, Martha Court, Amelia Boucher, M. J. White, Sarah Smith, Fanny Donoughue, M. G. Murray, P. A. Macnider, C. A. Rudyerd, Mary Kay, M. A. E. Guy, and such other persons as shall, under the provisions of this Statute, become members of the said Association, shall be and are hereby declared to be a Body Politic and Corporate, in deed and in name, by the name of "The Ladies of the Committee of Management of the Montreal Lying-in Hospital," and by that name shall have perpetual succession and a Common Seal, and shall have power from time to time to alter, and renew or change such Common Seal at their pleasure, and shall by the same name, from time to time, and at all times hereafter, be able and capable to purchase, acquire, hold, possess and enjoy, and to have, take and receive to them and their successors, to and for the uses and purposes of the said Corporation, any lands, tenements and hereditaments, and real or immoveable property and estate, lying and being within this Province, not exceeding in yearly value the sum of one thousand pounds, currency, and the same to sell, alienate and dispose of and to purchase others in their stead for the same purpose; and by the same name shall and may be able and capable in Law, to sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, in all Courts of Law and places whatsoever, in as large, ample and beneficial a manner as any other Body Politic or Corporate, or as any persons able or capable in Law may or can sue, or be sued, implead or be impleaded, answer or be answered unto, in any manner whatsoever, and shall have power and

authority to make and establish such Rules, Orders and Regulations, not being contrary to this Statute, or to the laws in force in this Province, as shall be deemed useful or necessary for the interests of the said Corporation, or for the management thereof, and for the admission of Members into the said Corporation, and from time to time to alter and amend, repeal or change the said Rules, Orders and Regulations, or any of them, and shall and may do, execute and perform, all and singular other the matters and things relating to the said Corporation, and the management thereof, or which shall or may appertain thereto, subject nevertheless to the Rules, Regulations, Stipulations and Conditions hereinafter prescribed and established.

II. And be it enacted, that an annual general meeting of the Members of the said Corporation, shall be held on the third Monday of the month of January in each and every year, (or if such day be a holy day, or if the Election hereinafter mentioned be not for any cause then had, then on such day as shall be appointed in the manner hereinafter mentioned) for the Annual Election of a Directress or Directresses, and Managers, a Treasurer and Secretary, and such other Officers of the said Corporation, as to the said Corporation shall seem meet, by and through the majority of the Members present at such General Meeting, and for the transaction of all other matters and things relating to the affairs of the said Corporation for the year preceding such Annual Meeting and for the adjustment and settlement of the accounts and business of the said Corporation for the then preceding year: Provided always, that the said Corporation, on a requisition signed by not less than five of the Members thereof, may, at any time, by a notice to be inserted for not less than seven days, in one or more of the Newspapers published in the City of Montreal, of which the Montreal Gazette shall be one, if then published, call a General Meeting of the Members of the said Corporation, specifying the hour, day, place and object of the said Meeting; and the Members of the Corporation, or any majority thereof, at such extraordinary Meeting as aforesaid, shall have power and authority to make, revise, alter or rescind, any Rules, Orders and Regulations for the management of the Corporation, after notice of any motion for introducing any new Rule, or for any such repeal or alteration, shall have been given at the general or extraordinary Meeting next immediately preceding that at which such motion shall be made and considered, and to admit new Members, and to fill up all vacancies which may occur among the said Directress or Directresses, and Managers, Secretary and Treasurer, aforesaid, and generally to do and perform all such matters and things as may be conducive to the well being of the said Corporation.

III. And be it enacted, that all and every the estate and property, real and personal, now belonging to or hereafter to be acquired by the Members of the said Association as such, and all debts, claims and rights whatsoever due to them in that quality, shall be and are hereby vested in the Corporation hereby established; and the Directress or Directresses, Managers, Secretary and Treasurer, appointed or to be appointed before the first Annual General Meeting shall be held under the authority of this Act, shall be and continue to be the Directress or Directresses, Managers, Secretary and Treasurer of the said Corporation, until others in their stead or the same shall be elected at such Annual General Meeting, in the manner herein provided; and the Rules, Orders and Regulations now made or to be made for the management of the Association herein first mentioned, shall be and continue to be the Rules, Orders and Regulations of the said Corporation, until altered or repealed in the manner herein provided, and the said Rules, Orders and Regulations shall be submitted to the Members of the said Corporation for their approval and

confirmation at such first General Meeting as aforesaid, at which time they may be confirmed, rejected, altered or amended, or new Rules substituted for them, without any previous notice; anything herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

IV. And be it enacted, that the Directress or Directresses and Managers for the time being, shall have power to appoint such Officers and Servants of the said Corporation as shall be necessary for the well conducting of the business of the same, and to allow to them such compensation for their services, respectively, as shall be reasonable and proper; and the said Directresses and Managers shall be capable of exercising such other powers and authority for the well governing and ordering of the affairs of the said Corporation as shall be prescribed by the Rules, Orders and Regulations of the said Corporation.

V. 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 whomsoever individually liable or accountable for or by reason of any debt, contractor security incurred or entered into 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.

VI. And be it enacted, that it shall not be necessary to the validity of any Act, performed by any married woman, as a Member of the Corporation, or to her becoming such, that she be thereunto specially authorized by her husband; any Law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

VII. And be it enacted, that nothing herein contained, shall 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.

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