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An Act to incorporate “Les Dames Religieuses du Sacré Cœur de Jesus,” of the Parish of St Jacques de L’Achigan, in the District of Montreal, for the purposes of Education. 9th December, 1843.

Whereas an Association of Religious Ladies has existed for several years in the Parish of St. Jacques de L’Achigan, in the county of Leinster and District of Montreal; under the name of “Les Dames Religieuses du Sacré Cœur de Jésus,” for the Instruction and Education of young persons of the female sex, and has, at great expense, provided suitable buildings for the said purpose, and has instructed and educated a great number of young persons, many of them gratuitously, and the remainder at very moderate rates; And whereas the said Ladies have, by their petition, prayed that the said Association may be Incorporated, and in consideration of the great benefits which must arise from the Institution, it is expedient to grant their prayer; 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 Marie Michelle, Ursule Sallion, Séraphine Constantine, Josephthe Avignon, Claire Henriette de Kersaint, Mary Anne Roche, Euphrosine Eméline Lévèque, and Johana Alphonsine Shannon, and such other persons as shall, under the provisions of this Act, become members of the said Institution, shall be and are hereby declared to be a Body Politic and Corporate in deed and in name, by the name of “Les Dames Religieuses du Sacré Cœur de Jésus,” and by that name shall have perpetual succession, and a Common Seal, and shall have power from time to time to alter, 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, situate, lying and being within this Province, not exceeding in yearly value the sum of three 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 said 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 and be sued, implead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, in any manner whatsoever; and any majority of the members of the Corporation, for the time being, shall have power and authority to make and establish such Rules, Orders and Regulations, not being contrary to this Act nor to the Laws in force in this Province, as shall be deemed useful or necessary for the interests of the said Corporation, and for the management thereof, and for the admission of members into the said Corporation, and, from time to time, to alter, repeal, and change the said Rules, Orders and

Regulations, or any of them, or those of the said Association in force at the time of the passing of this Act, 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 Provisions hereinafter prescribed and established.

II. Provided always, and be it enacted, that the rent, revenues, issues and profits of all property, real or personal, held by the said Corporation, shall be appropriated and applied solely to the maintenance of the members of the Corporation, the construction and repair of the buildings requisite for the purposes of the Corporation, and to the advancement; of Education, and the payment of the expenses to be incurred for objects legitimately connected with or depending on the purposes aforesaid.

III. And be it enacted, that all and every the estate and property, real and personal, belonging to, or hereafter to be acquired by the said 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 Rules, Orders and Regulations now made, or to be made for the management of the said Association, shall be, and continue to be the Rules, Orders and Regulations of the said Corporation, until altered or repealed in the manner hereinbefore provided.

IV. And be it enacted, that, the Members of the said Corporation, for the time being, or a majority of them, shall have power to appoint such Attorney or Attorneys, Administrator or Administrators of the property of the Corporation, and such Officers and Teachers and Servants of the said Corporation as shall be necessary for the well conducting of the business and affairs thereof, and to allow to them such compensation for their services, respectively, as shall be reasonable and proper; and all Officers so appointed 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 to 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 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 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.

VII. 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 whatsoever, without being specially pleaded.