

*Provincial Statutes of Canada*, passed in the year 1845. Montreal: Stewart Derbishire & George Desbarats, 1845.

8 Victoria – Chapter 103

**An Act to authorize the Nuns of the Ursuline Convent at Three Rivers, to acquire and hold additional real and immoveable property, to a certain amount. (17th March, 1845.)**

Whereas the Superior, the Assistant and the other Religious Ladies of the Community of the Ursuline Nuns at Three Rivers [Trois-Rivières], forming the Council of the said Community, have by their Petition to the Legislature prayed, that the said Community may be empowered to acquire and hold property to a certain amount, over and above that which they now possess, and that they may be legally confirmed in their right to and property in a certain lot of land in their said Petition mentioned; And whereas, by reason of the great, usefulness of the said Institution it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said Petition: 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, 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, That it shall be lawful to and for the said Superior, Assistant and other Religious Ladies forming the Council of the said Community, and their Successors in Office, to acquire and receive by donation, devise or otherwise, and to hold for the use of the said Community, by the name of The Community of the Ursuline Nuns at Three Rivers, and according to the Rules and By-laws of that Institution, any kind of real property whatever lying within this Province, or any constituts, or ground rents secured upon any such property, or any sums of money in the public funds of the United Kingdom or secured by debentures on the public revenue of this Province, or any other species of property whatsoever, producing in the whole a fixed and permanent income not exceeding fifteen hundred pounds currency, per annum, over and above all properly (including the lot of land hereinafter mentioned) legally held by or for the use of the said Community at the time of the passing of this Act, and to sell or alienate the said property, (as well such as they now hold as such as they may hereafter acquire,) and to purchase and acquire other property of what kind soever in lieu thereof, provided the whole amount of income derived from the property to be so held at any one time under the authority of this Act, (exclusive of the lot of land herein-after mentioned) shall not at any time exceed the said sum of fifteen hundred pounds, currency; any tiling in the Laws commonly called the Laws of Mortmain, or in any Act or law to the contrary notwithstanding.

II. And be it enacted, That the said Community of the Ursuline Nuns at Three Rivers are hereby confirmed in the legal possession of the lot of land conceded to them on the twentieth day of January, one thousand seven hundred and sixty-eight, by a deed passed before Badeaux and colleague, notaries, lying in the Fief Godfrey, in the parish of Saint Gregoire, and District of Three Rivers, and being nine arpents and six chains in front by twenty arpents in depth, bounded in front by the first concession, which runs down to the River Saint Lawrence, and in the rear at the depth of twenty arpents on one side to the South-west by other property belonging to the said

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Community, and on the other side to the North-east, by the lands of one Camisant, to be held and enjoyed by the said Community with power to sell or alienate the same, as fully and effectually as if at the time they acquired the said land the Laws of Mortmain had not been in force.