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**An Act to incorporate The High School of Montreal. (17th March, 1845.)**

Whereas there now exists in the City of Montreal an Institution known as The High School of Montreal having for its design to afford a course of instruction to include the Greek, Latin, French and English Languages, Writing, Arithmetic and Mathematics, and such other branches of Science and General Literature as it may be deemed proper from time to time to introduce; And whereas David Torrance, Michael McCulloch, Benjamin Holmes, William Murray, John J. Day, Joseph Savage, Charles Decides, Benjamin H. Lemoine, George W. Campbell, William C. Meredith, William Lunn, James Ferrier, John Young, and David Davidson, the present Directors of the said Institution, have by their Petition represented that it would be beneficial to the interests of the community, and would tend to the success and prosperity of the said Institution that it should be incorporated; And whereas it is deemed 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 the said David Torrance, Michael McCulloch, Benjamin Holmes, William Murray, John J. Day, Joseph Savage, Charles Geddes, Benjamin H. Lemoine, George W. Campbell, William O. Meredith; William Lunn, James Ferrier, John Young, and David Davidson, the present Directors of the said Institution, and their successors, and such other persons as now are or shall or may hereafter become members or proprietors of the said Institution, shall be and are hereby constituted a body politic and Corporate by the name of The High School of Montreal, and shall by that name have perpetual succession and a common seal, with power to alter, renew or change the same at pleasure; and shall by the said name at all times hereafter, have power to purchase, acquire, hold, possess and enjoy, take, accept and receive for the uses and purposes of the said Corporation without any further authority, license or Letters of Mortmain, any lands, immoveable properly or hereditaments, or any personal property of what nature soever, 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 others in their stead to purchase, acquire and hold for the uses and purposes aforesaid; and the said Corporation may by the said name sue and be sued in all courts of Law or Equity, or other places whatever, in as large, ample and beneficial a manner as any other body politic and corporate in this Province, and shall have power and authority to make Bye-Laws, Rules and Regulations, not being contrary to this Act, or to the Laws of this Province, for the government and management of the said Corporation and of the affairs and property thereof, and for the admission, dismission and qualification of members thereof, and for all other purposes relating to the well being and interests of the said Corporation, and the same to amend, alter or repeal, from time to time, in such manner as shall be deemed necessary or expedient.

II. And be it enacted, That the affairs of the said Corporation shall be under the management of a Board of Directors who shall be elected from time to time by the Members of the said Corporation, in the manner which shall be prescribed by the Bye-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the said Corporation, and who shall remain in office as Directors during such time as shall be provided by the said Bye-Laws, Rules and Regulations.

III. And be it enacted, That all and every the estate and property real or personal, of the said Institution at the time of the passing of this Act, and all debts due to, or rights or claims possessed by the said Institution at the said time, shall be and are hereby transferred to and vested in the said Corporation hereby constituted, which shall in like manner be liable to and for all debts due by or claims upon the said. Institution; and the Directors of the said Institution at the time of the passing of this Act, shall be the Directors of the said Corporation, as if elected under this Act, until their successors shall be elected in the manner to be appointed under the Bye-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the said Corporation: Provided always that a detailed account of the property to be holden by the said Institution under the authority of this Act and of the revenues arising therefrom, shall be submitted every year to each of the three branches of the Legislature during the first fifteen days of each Session thereof.

IV. And be it enacted, That no Member of the said Corporation shall in his private or natural capacity be liable for any debts or obligations of the 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 publicly taken notice of as such by all Judges, Justices of the Peace, and other persons whatsoever, without being specially pleaded.