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**An Act to incorporate the Quebec Charitable Firewood Society. (29th March, 1845.)**

Whereas an Association has existed for some time past in the City of Quebec under the name of The Quebec Charitable Firewood Society, for the purpose of purchasing firewood for the poor of the City and Suburbs of Quebec, during the summer months, when the price is low, and afterwards, in the course of the winter, distributing a part of the same to such of the poor as are totally destitute of the means of purchasing Fuel, and disposing of the remainder to those recommended by the Members of the Society, at five shillings per cord, cartage included, the Members of the Society being left to judge who are able and who are not able to pay the said price; And whereas the Association is composed of the members hereinafter mentioned, and others, who have by their petition represented that the advantages arising from the said Association would be greatly extended and confirmed by the legal incorporation thereof, and have prayed that they and their successors may be incorporated under certain regulations and provisions hereinafter mentioned: 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 Right Reverend George Jehosaphat, Lord Bishop of Montreal, the Reverend John Clugston, the Reverend George Mackie, the Reverend John Cook, D. D., the Reverend William Squire, the Reverend Daniel Wilkie, L. L. D., the Reverend C. L. F. Haensel, Noah Freer, Jeffrey, Hale, Henry Jessopp, James H. Kerr, R. J. Young, William Higginbotham, William Graham Roxburgh, Archibald Campbell, William McMaster, Thomas Morkill, John Paul, Thomas Cary, Nathaniel Neilson Ross, John Scobie Hossack, Peter Sinclair, J. C. Overell, James Foster, Peter Holt, John Patterson, David Morris Wright, John Campbell, Samuel Cornell, and Thomas Henning, with such other persons as shall, under the provisions of this Statute 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 designation of the Quebec Charitable Firewood Society, 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 scat 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 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 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 and regulations or any of them, and shall and may do, execute and perform all and singular other matters and things relating to the said Corporation and the management thereof, which shall or may appertain thereto, subject nevertheless to the rules, regulations, stipulations and conditions herein prescribed and established.

II. Provided always, and be it enacted, That all the property and sums of money which shall at any time belong to the said Corporation, shall at all times be exclusively applied and appropriated for the purchase of fuel for the poof of the City and Suburbs of Quebec, as before specified, and to no other object.

III. And be it enacted, That an annual General Meeting of the Members of the said Corporation shall be held on the third Monday of April, and a semi-annual Meeting on the third Monday of November in each and every year, for the general business of the Corporation; that the members of the said Corporation, or the majority thereof, shall have power at the annual General Meeting to elect a Committee of Management not exceeding twenty persons, including the office bearers; and the said Committee so elected shall have full power to choose or elect out of the Committee a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Sub-Treasurer and Secretary; that the Members of the Society, or the majority, shall at the said annual or semi-annual Meeting, have power and authority to introduce any new rules, or to revise, alter or rescind any of the rules and regulations now existing, or which may then exist, and generally to do and perform all such matters and things as may be conducive to the well-being of the said Corporation.

IV. 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 Society 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: the present Committee, (including the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Sub-Treasurer and Secretary) shall be held under the authority of this Act, and shall be and continue to be the Committee, as if appointed or chosen as hereinbefore mentioned (including the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Sub-Treasurer and Secretary,) of the said Corporation, until others in their stead be elected in the manner herein provided; and the rules and regulations now made or to be made, shall be and continue to be the rules and regulations of the said Corporation, until altered or repealed in the manner herein provided; and the said rules and regulations shall be submitted to the Members of the said Corporation for their approval or confirmation, at the said annual Meeting, or semi-annual Meeting, at which they may be confirmed, rejected, altered or amended, or new rules substituted for them as aforesaid.

V. And be it enacted, That the Committee (including the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Sub-Treasurer and Secretary 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 them such compensation for their services respectively as shall be reasonable and proper and the said Committee (including the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Sub-Treasurer and Secretary) 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 and regulations of the said Corporation.

VI. And be it enacted, That nothing herein contained shall 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 the said Corporation, or for or on account or in respect of any matter or thing whatsoever relating to the said Corporation.

VII. 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.

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