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An Act to incorporate Les Dames Religieuses de Notre Dame de Charité da Bon Pasteur, at Montreal, for the care and reformation of Female Penitents. 18th May, 1846.

Whereas the Religious Ladies established at Montreal, and known as Les Dames Religieuses de Noire Dame de Charité du Bon Pasteur, having devoted themselves to the care and reformation of female penitents, have prayed that the Institution may be incorporated, in order that they may better accomplish the object for which it was formed, and it is expedient to encourage so laudable an undertaking, and to grant the prayer of their 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 there shall be, and there is hereby established in the said City of Montreal, a body politic and corporate, by the name of Les Dames Religieuses de Notre Dame de Charité du Bon Pasteur, which said Corporation shall consist and be composed of the present members of the Institution of the same name herein first above mentioned in the preamble to this Act, that is to say: of Sister Marie de Ste. Céleste Fisson, Sister Marie de Ste. Gabriel Chaffona, Sister Marie de St. Ignace Ward, Sister Marie de Ste. Alphonse Cadotte, Sister Marie de Ste. Euphrosie Perrault, Sister Marie de la Présentation Préfontaine, Sister Marie de l'Enfant Jesus Bourbonnière, Sister Marie de Ste. Thérèse Préfontaine, Sister Marie de Ste. Janviere Delinelle, and of such other persons as shall hereafter, under the provisions of this Act, become members of the said Corporation, according to the By-laws and Rules of the same; And by the name aforesaid the members of the said Corporation shall have perpetual succession and a common seal, with full power from time to time to alter, renew or change the same at 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, enjoy, exchange and sell, and to take and receive to them and their successors, 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 By-laws, Rules 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 By-laws, Rules 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 rents, 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, the purchase of real and personal property, the establishing of ground rents, the support, care and reformation of female penitents, 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, real and personal, belonging to, or hereafter to be acquired by the said members of the said Institution 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 By-laws, Rules and Regulations, now made or to be made for the management of the said Institution, shall be and continue to be the By-laws, Rules and Regulations of the said Corporation, until altered or repealed in the manner herein 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 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 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 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.

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.