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An Act to Incorporate The British and Canadian School Society of the District of Quebec. 9th June, 1846.

Whereas there has existed in the City of Quebec, since the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three, an Association known by the name of The British and Canadian School Society of the District of Quebec, established for the purpose of providing civil and religious instruction for the children of the poor of the said City; And whereas the persons hereinafter named, being the Members and Officers of the said Association, have by their Petition, represented that they have afforded a gratuitous education to three thousand five hundred children, and that they have also, under special Legislative sanction, qualified forty-five Teachers for the country parts, and have, in and by the said Petition, prayed that, for the public advantage and the enhancement of the efficiency of the said Society, the said Association may be incorporated under proper Regulations, and it is expedient 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 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 Jeffrey Hale, Joseph Parant, Thomas Rae, Benjamin Tremain, Peter Langlois, John Musson, John McLeod, Alexander Haddan, Edward Montizambert, William H. A. Davies, George Henderson, Henry Carwell, Richard Peniston, Christian Wurtele, James Clearihue, John Munn, Edward Glackemeyer, William Wurtele, the present Officers and Members of the said Association, and such other persons as now are or shall hereafter become Members of the said Association, according to the Rules and Regulations thereof, shall be and they are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name of The British and Canadian School Society of the District of Quebec, 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 same name, at all times hereafter have power to purchase, acquire, hold, possess and enjoy, take, accept and receive, for the use and purposes of the said Corporation, any lands, immoveable property or hereditaments, or any personal property of what nature whatsoever, within this Province, not exceeding in yearly value the sum of five hundred 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 or corporate in this Province, and shall have power and authority to make By-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 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 they shall deem necessary or expedient.

II. And be it enacted, That the Officers of the said Corporation shall be a President, two Vice Presidents, a Secretary and a Treasurer; and the affairs and business of the said Corporation shall be managed by a Committee to be composed of not less than ten, nor more than twenty members of the Corporation and the Officers aforesaid, who shall always be Members of the said Committee; and the said Officers and other Members of the Committee shall be annually elected by the majority of the votes (to be given by ballot) of the Members of the Corporation present at a meeting to be held for that purpose, on the first Monday in the month of January in each year, unless that day be New-Year's Day, in which case the said meeting shall be had on the Monday following: Provided always, that if the election be not had on that day, the Corporation shall not be dissolved, but the election may be had at a special meeting thereafter to be called for that purpose, in the manner hereinafter provided, and in that case the Officers and Members of the Committee in office immediately before the said day, shall continue in office until their successors shall be elected.

III. And be it enacted, That the President, or, in his absence, either of the Vice Presidents, may, at any time, on a requisition to him made, and signed by any five Members of the Corporation, call a Special General Meeting of the Members of the Corporation, giving notice of such meeting and of the object thereof to each of the Members, in such manner as may be provided for that purpose by the By-laws of the Corporation, and at such Special General Meeting no other subject shall be discussed and decided upon except such as may necessarily relate to the object for which the meeting shall have been called.

IV. And be it enacted, That all and every the estates and property, real or personal of the said Association, at the time of the passing of this Act, and all debts due to, or rights or claims possessed by the said Association at the said time, shall be and are hereby transferred to and vested in the Corporation hereby constituted, which shall in like manner be liable to and for all debts due by or claims upon the said Association; and the Officers and Members of the Committee in office at the time of the passing of this Act, shall be the Officers and Members of the Committee of the said Corporation, as if elected under this Act, until their successors shall be elected in the manner hereby appointed; and the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the said Association, at the time of the passing of this Act, shall be the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the said Corporation, as if made under the provisions of this Act, until they be amended, altered or repealed, in the manner hereinbefore provided.

V. And be it enacted, That no person shall be a Member of the said Corporation unless such person shall have attained the full age of twenty-one years, and shall have been admitted as such in the manner prescribed by the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Corporation then in force in that behalf.

VI. And be it enacted, That no By-Law, Rule or Regulation of the said Corporation shall be amended, altered or repealed, except with the consent of two-thirds of the Members of the

Corporation, nor unless previous notice of such amendment, alteration, or repeal shall have been given in writing at the general meeting next preceding that at which such amendment, alteration or repeal shall be discussed and determined upon.

VII. 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 any debt, contract or security of the said Corporation, or for or on account or in respect of any matter or thing whatsoever relating to the said Corporation.

VIII. 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.

IX. 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 whomsoever, without being specially pleaded.